

WHO lives in the cave? The dragon.

WHAT does the knight wear to protect himself? Armor.

WHERE does the knight live? In the castle.

WHEN do the knight and the dragon fight? After they have both read books about fighting one another.

WHY do they start a BBQ restaurant? Because they are bad at fighting each other, but good at working together.

The Knight and the Dragon – Monday

First Read-aloud

1) Before reading - introduce characters and the problem.

(a) Characters –

(i) Knight

(ii) Dragon

(b) Problem –

(i) The Knight and the Dragon want to fight, but they both are not very good at fighting.

2) While reading - expand vocabulary: introduce 8-10 words to highlight and define (show pictures & act out).

(a) Knight – a person whose job it is to protect the castle and the king and queen

(b) Dragon – a fire-breathing, scaly, lizard-like creature (dragons are only in stories; they are not real animals)

(c) Castle – a large stone building where kings and queens live; knights protect the castle

(d) Armor – a suit made of metal that is used to protect someone during a fight

(e) Shield – a big round piece of metal used to protect someone during a fight

(f) Swishing – to move back and forth, while making a “swishing” sound (make a swishing sound and let the kids imitate you)

(g) Duel – another word for “a fight”; in this story, the dragon and the knight challenged one another to a duel

(h) BBQ – food - normally meat - that you cook outside on a grill

3) Comment on main character’s thoughts and feelings.

(a) *Why do you think the knight and the dragon decide to fight?* Maybe because they think they are supposed to; even though they don’t know how, dragons and knights usually fight one another.

(b) *Why do you think the dragon practiced making faces in the mirror?* He was hoping to scare the knight.

(c) *Why did the knight make a suit of armor?* To protect himself from the dragon.

(d) *How do you think the knight and dragon felt when, at the end of their fight, neither one of them had won?*

4) After reading - invite explanations, wonder aloud, and ask follow-up questions.

(a) *Who lived in the castle?* The knight. *Do you know of anyone else who lives in castles?* Kings, queens, princes and princesses live in castles.

(b) *What do you think armor would feel like to wear?*

(c) *If a dragon breathed on you, how would that feel?* Very hot, because dragon’s breathe fire.

(d) *How do you think the knight felt before the fight?* Excited? Scared?

(e) *The dragon read books in this story. Do you think dragons would really be able to read?*

(f) *Why doesn’t anyone win the fight?* The dragon and the knight are both bad fighters...they are too clumsy to fight well.

(g) *Have you ever been to a BBQ? Do you think it was a good idea for the knight and dragon to start a restaurant? A silly idea? Do you think they should have tried to fight each other again?*

The Knight and the Dragon – Tuesday and Wednesday

Second and Third Read-alouds

1) Before reading - introduce characters and the problem.

- (a) Characters –
 - (i) Knight
 - (ii) Dragon
- (b) Problem –
 - (i) The Knight and the Dragon want to fight, but they both are not very good at fighting.

2) While reading - expand vocabulary: introduce 8-10 words to highlight and define (show pictures & act out).

- (a) Knight – a person whose job it is to protect the castle and the king and queen
- (b) Dragon – a fire-breathing, scaly, lizard-like creature (dragons are only in stories; they are not real animals)
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- (h) BBQ – food - normally meat - that you cook outside on a grill

3) Comment on main character’s thoughts and feelings.

- (a) *Why do you think the knight and the dragon decide to fight?* Maybe because they think they are supposed to; even though they don’t know how, dragons and knights usually fight one another.
- (b) *Why do you think the dragon practiced making faces in the mirror?* He was hoping to scare the knight.
- (c) *Why did the knight make a suit of armor?* To protect himself from the dragon.
- (d) *How do you think the knight and dragon felt when, at the end of their fight, neither one of them had won?*

4) After reading - invite explanations, wonder aloud, and ask follow-up questions.

- (a) *Who lived in the castle?* The knight. *Do you know of anyone else who lives in castles?* Kings, queens, princes and princesses live in castles.
- (b) *What do you think armor would feel like to wear?*
- (c) *If a dragon breathed on you, how would that feel?* Very hot, because dragon’s breathe fire.
- (d) *How do you think the knight felt before the fight?* Excited? Scared?
- (e) *The dragon read books in this story. Do you think dragons would really be able to read?*
- (f) *Why doesn’t anyone win the fight?* The dragon and the knight are both bad fighters...they are too clumsy to fight well.
- (g) *Have you ever been to a BBQ?* *Do you think it was a good idea for the knight and dragon to start a restaurant?* *A silly idea?* *Do you think they should have tried to fight each other again?*

The Knight and the Dragon – Thursday and Friday

Fourth and Fifth Read-alouds

1) Before reading - encourage children to recall characters, problem and solution.

- (a) Characters –
 - (i) *Who lives in the castle in this story?* The knight. *Who does the knight decide to fight?* The dragon.
- (b) Problem –
 - (i) *Do the dragon and the knight know how to fight?* No, but they both read books to try to learn how.
 - (ii) *Who ends up winning the fight?* Neither of them.
 - (iii) *What do they do at the end of the story?* They become friends and open a restaurant together.

2) While reading - expand vocabulary: introduce 8-10 words to highlight and define (show pictures & act out).

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3) Comment on main character’s thoughts and feelings.

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- (d) *How do you think the knight and dragon felt when, at the end of their fight, neither one of them had won?*

4) Guide children to retell the story. Read pages between retellings. Ask questions that help children recall events of the story and explain what characters are thinking and feeling.

- (a) *Who is this?* The knight. *Where does he live?* In the castle.
- (b) *Who is this?* The dragon. *Where does he live?* In a cave near the castle.
- (c) *What do the dragon and the knight decide to do?* They decide they want to fight each other.
- (d) *Do they know how to fight?* No. *How do they learn what to do?* They read books - the knight reads about fighting dragons and the dragon reads about fighting knights.
- (e) *What does the knight do to get ready to fight the dragon?* He builds armor that he can wear to protect himself. *What else does he make?* A sword, a bow and arrow, and a shield.
- (f) *What does the dragon do to get ready to fight the knight?* He practices swishing his tail and making scary faces in the mirror.
- (g) *How do they practice before the fight?* The knight makes a dragon out of wood, which he tries to kill. The dragon makes a man of straw, which he tries to burn with his fiery breath.

- (h) *How did the dragon and knight let each other know they were ready to fight?* They each sent the other a letter.
- (i) *Who won the fight?* Neither of them. They were both too clumsy to win.
- (j) *What did the princess give the dragon and the knight?* Books about cooking and BBQing.
- (k) *What did they do with those books?* They learned how to start their BBQ restaurant called K & D Bar-B-Q. *What starts with the letter "K"?* It's tricky! Knight. *What starts with the letter "D"?* Dragon.

5) After reading - invite explanations, wonder aloud, and ask follow-up questions.

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