

Lucy and the Leprechaun

Lucy Lutin lived with her grandfather in a run-down old cottage on the edge of Warbling Woods. Her family had lived there for years but their home had seen better days. The windows had cracks, loose bricks hung from the walls and grass grew in clumps on the roof.

It wasn't that Lucy and her grandfather were lazy. For years, they had wished for their much-loved home to be repaired. But her grandfather wasn't as young as he once was. He no longer had the strength to haul bricks or balance on roofs, and they couldn't afford anyone else to help. Instead, all their money went on food for their meals.

Every morning, Lucy would wake her grandfather with a gentle kiss on his forehead. "Today will be a good day!" she would say.

"Today, you will find luck," he would reply.

Then, Lucy would do her chores before heading into Warbling Woods on her way to school.

But, today was different.

Today was St. Patrick's Day and there was a different look in her grandfather's eyes. "You must find it..." was all he whispered as Lucy headed out of the front door.



Lucy soon forgot about her grandfather's strange words as she skipped deep into Warbling Woods.

Before long, she came across a bag hanging from an old oak tree. On the bag were the words 'Catch me if you can'.

"Erm, do mind helping me?" the bag said.

Lucy jumped with fright. "H... help you?" she said.

"Yes," the bag replied. "I'm stuck."

Then, the bag began to fall! Thinking there may be a child inside, Lucy jumped and caught the bag before it hit the floor. She gently lowered it, untied the string, then stepped back.

A small man with a pointy red beard crawled out. He was dressed in green, with a funny hat on top of his head. "You caught me!" he said. "Thank you! You have earned your three wishes."

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"Three wishes?" Lucy said.

"Yes," the man replied. "My name is Gorm-Glas the leprechaun and I am magical. What is your first wish?"

"I can't ask for any wishes," Lucy said with a smile. "I caught you because you may have been hurt, not for payment."

"Then, allow me to wish you luck," the small man said with a twinkle in his eye.

Lucy thanked him and skipped merrily on her way.

That evening, when she returned home, something amazing had happened. The cottage had been completely rebuilt! Somehow the little leprechaun had used his magic to make Lucy's wishes come true for her! The bricks looked new, the window panes had been replaced and there were no clumps of grass on the roof!

"You found it!" cried Lucy's grandfather. "I knew you would!"

"Find what, Grandfather?" Lucy laughed.

"That thing we've been looking for," Lucy's grandfather said, hugging her. "That little bit of magic luck..."

**Reading
Mission**
30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read 'Lucy and the Leprechaun'.
After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are below.

1. What is the name of the woods that Lucy and her grandfather live in? Tick one.

- Wembley
- Warbling
- Leprechaun

2. For years, Lucy and her grandfather had wished for what?

3. What was different about Lucy's grandfather on St. Patrick's Day?
Tick one.

- He smiled differently.
- There was a different look in his eyes.
- He didn't want to get out of bed.

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Why doesn't Lucy think the leprechaun should grant her any wishes?

6. Which words best describe how Lucy may have felt at the end of the story? Tick **three**.

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- sad
- happy
- relieved
- ungrateful
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Lucy didn't want any wishes granted because all she did was catch him; She didn't do it for a reward.

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Lucy caught Gorm-Glas the leprechaun and he granted her three wishes. Even though she said she didn't deserve them, Gorm-Glas still thinks Lucy does deserve a reward, so he repaired her old cottage.

For today's mission you will be using inverted commas/ speech marks. Remind yourself how to use them correctly by reading the poster below, then complete the activity.

Inverted Commas

Beginning and End
Keep your inverted commas at the beginning and the end of the words being spoken.
"Stop!" I said.


New Speaker, New Line
Start a new line whenever someone new speaks.
"How are you doing today?" asked Henry.
"I'm great!" said Ashton.

Capital Letter
Begin what is spoken with a capital letter!
"What an amazing day!" he announced.

Commas
Remember to add commas.
Ashton whispered, "Be quiet!"
"Goodbye," said Jules.

Different Names
Inverted Commas are also called:
Speech Marks
Quotation Marks

Punctuation
Make sure your speech is correctly punctuated!
"There are times, I feel, that you are a little cold," I said.


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Using Inverted Commas to Show Direct Speech

Look at the sentences below. Each one is missing inverted commas. Insert inverted commas around the direct speech in each sentence below.

1. What's for dinner dad? Jacinda asked her dad.
2. The witch looked at her sisters and asked, When will we three meet again?
3. The mouse looked at the fox and quivered, Please don't eat me.
4. I'm stuck! declared Sam as he held up his hand.
Can you help me please?
5. Goal! shouted the boy as the ball went to the back of the net.
6. John, can you hold this? asked Joanne.
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Maths Mission 30 mins

Your maths mission today involves some mental maths problems. See how quickly you can solve these calculations. Try and solve them in your head but you can work them out on paper if you need.

1. Add together 40p and 30p.

2. What is the total of 15 and 14?

3. Lauren was given some money for her birthday. Her brother gave her £2.50 and her grandma gave her £5.00. How much did she get in total?

4. Omar collects 50 bus tickets and 35 train tickets.
How many tickets does he have in total?

5. What is the sum of 36, 50 and 14?

6. Luigi buys two chocolate bars - a Caramel Snap costs 84p and a Fudge Chunk costs 33p. How much does he spend in total?

7. A postman delivered 14 letters on Tuesday and 19 letters on Wednesday. How many did he deliver altogether?

8. Two sacks of potatoes were delivered to a shop - one weighed 35kg and the other weighed 19kg. How much did they weigh altogether?

9. $46 + 5 = 36 + ?$

10. Chocolate wafers come in packets of 2. How many wafers would there be in 47 packets?

Answers

1	70p
2	29
3	£7.50
4	85
5	100
6	£1.17
7	33
8	54kg
9	15
10	94

Topic Mission Ideas for the week. Choose activities based on what interests you.

See Monday's planning.

