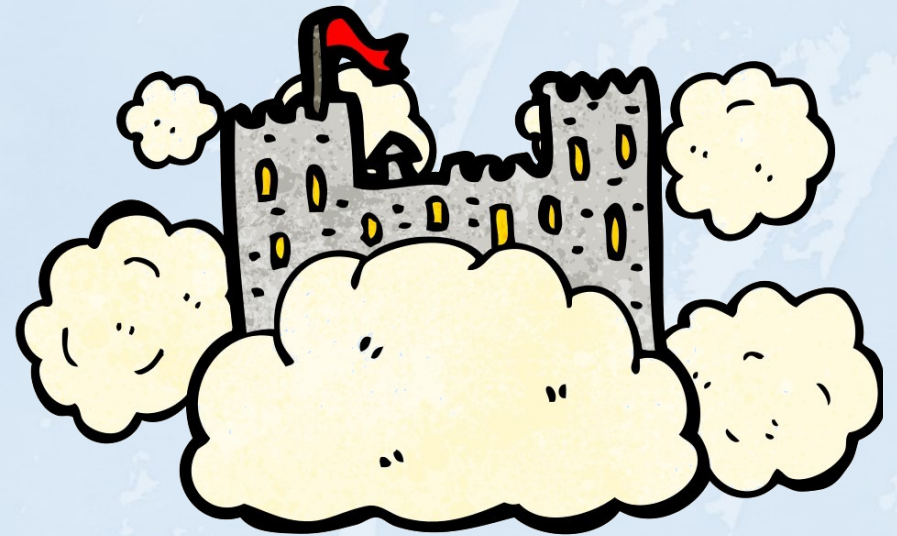


A young boy learns the  
value of risk taking



# Jack and the Beanstalk



A traditional tale



His mother took an axe and bravely chopped down the beanstalk.

The giant fell and crashed to the ground far, far away. Nobody ever saw him again.

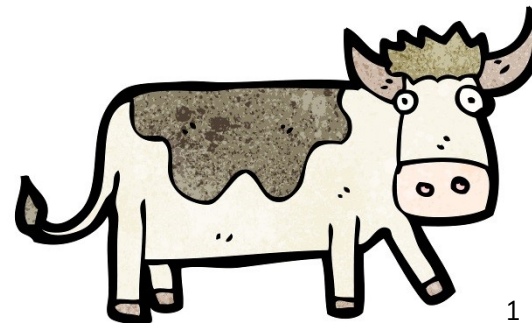
But now, with the golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.



## Jack & the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother in a little tumbledown cottage. The roof leaked and the wind came creeping round the windows. They were very poor. All they had in the world was a cow!

One morning, they ran out of food to eat. Jack's mother told him to take their cow to market and sell her. They loved the cow so very much, but they needed the money to buy food and to repair their house.



On the way to the market, Jack met a man.

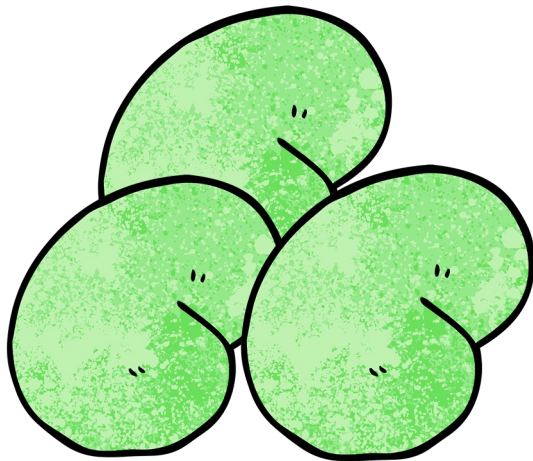
"Where are you going with that cow?" the man asked.

"I'm taking her to market," Jack said.

"I'll buy her from you," the man said. "I don't have any money but I have something better!"

He gave Jack some beans.

"These are magic beans," he said.



Jack ran out of the palace as fast as he could and started climbing down the beanstalk.

The giant came down after him, shouting "Fee, fi, fo, fum!" and reaching his long arms out to try and catch Jack.

Jack climbed even faster. He shouted, "Mother! Help!"



“Sing!” shouted the giant. And the harp began to sing a beautiful song.

Soon the giant was asleep, soothed by the harp’s music.

Jack jumped out of the cupboard. He took the hen and the harp, to cheer his mother up.

Suddenly, the harp sang loudly, “Help, master!”

The giant woke up and shouted, “Fee, fi, fo, fum!”



Jack gave the cow to the man and went back home. When Jack’s mother saw the beans she was very angry.

“We need money, not beans!” she shouted. She threw the beans out of the window.

That night, Jack and his mother went to bed hungry.

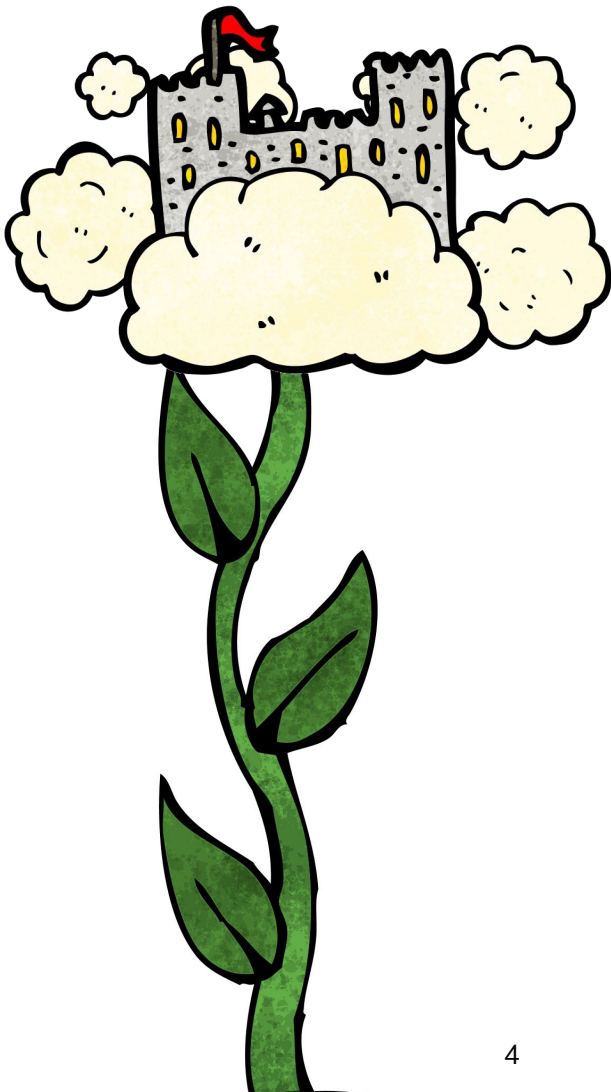
The next morning, Jack looked out of the window. There was a giant beanstalk so tall that he couldn’t even see the top!



He ran outside and started to climb the beanstalk.  
He climbed for hours and hours.

He climbed all the way up to the sky and through the clouds!

At the top, Jack saw a beautiful castle. He crept inside.



He heard a booming voice: “Fee, fi, fo, fum!”

Jack ran into a cupboard, terrified of the loud voice. He peeked through a tiny gap between the cupboard. An enormous giant came stomping into the room and sat down at a table.

On the table there was a hen and a golden harp.

“Lay!” said the giant. The hen clucked and laid an egg. It was a beautiful egg made of gold.





Read the story together and talk about it. You could ask questions beginning with...

who

what

when

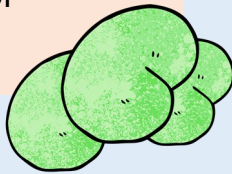
why

how

where



- **What** would you do with magic beans?
- **How** did Jack's mother react when she found out he had sold the cow for some beans?



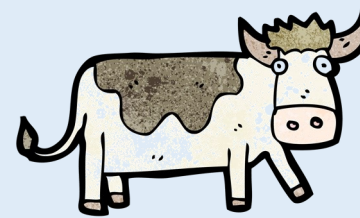
You could ask questions about how the characters in the story are feeling...

How did Jack feel when he saw the beanstalk for the first time?

Why do you think he felt like that?

How did Jack know how many beans his cow was worth?

He used a cowculator!



Where was the first beanstalk found?

Growing in the ground!

Tell me a joke!

What is even higher than a giant?

A giant's hat!



Do you know any more jokes?

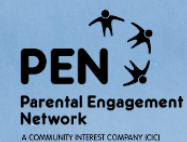
Can you make up your own?



**Talk about...**



**Talk about...**

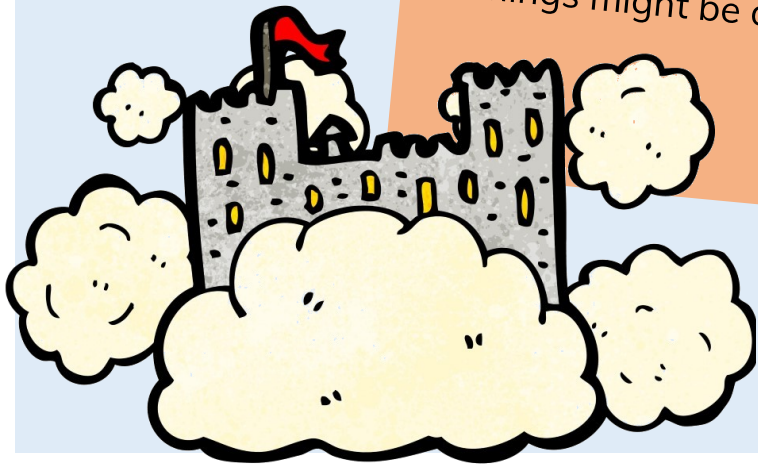




In the story, the  
giant lives in a  
castle in the clouds.

If you could have your  
own dream castle in  
the clouds, what would be in it? It can  
have anything you want in it!  
What magical items would you have?

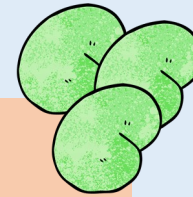
Talk about how your castles  
may be similar and what  
things might be different.



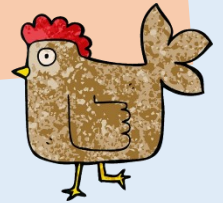
## Did you know?

There are over 1  
billion cows in  
the world.

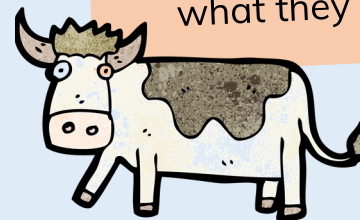
Even though  
we don't eat  
magic beans,  
we can eat normal  
beans which have  
lots of protein and  
fibre so they're very  
good for us.



In the story there is a  
hen that lays golden  
eggs but did you  
know chickens are  
related to the  
tyrannosaurus rex  
dinosaur?



Cows' stomachs have  
4 chambers where  
they can separate  
what they eat.



There are at least  
130 different kinds  
of beans. Most are  
green, but some  
are purple, yellow,  
or even spotted!



**Talk about...**



**Talk about...**



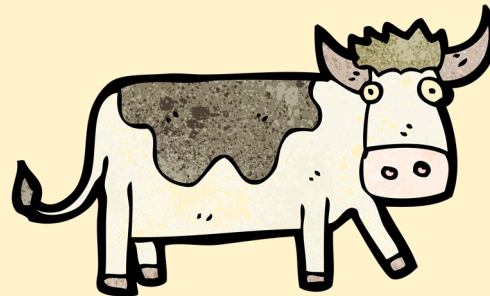
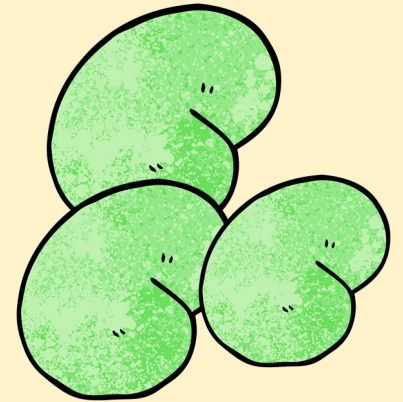
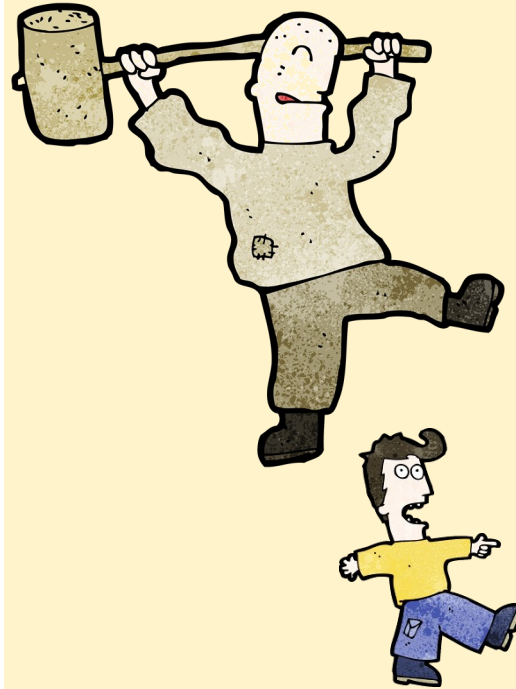


## Story sequence cards

Cut out these cards and use them to help you tell the story. You may need to use some of the cards more than once!

Can you shuffle them and then put them in the right order?

Can you change the order to make a silly story?





# Jack and the Beanstalk

Sequence



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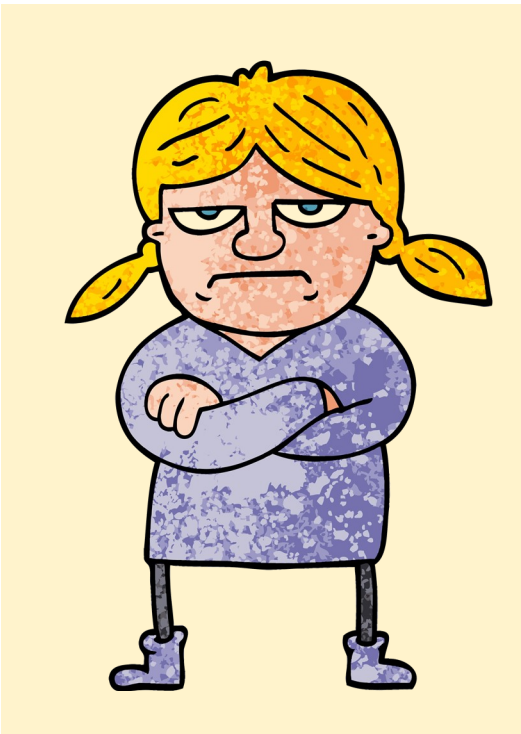
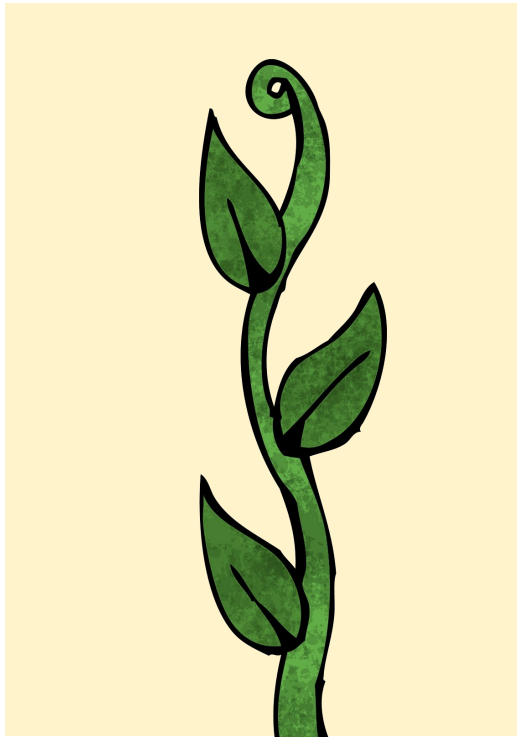
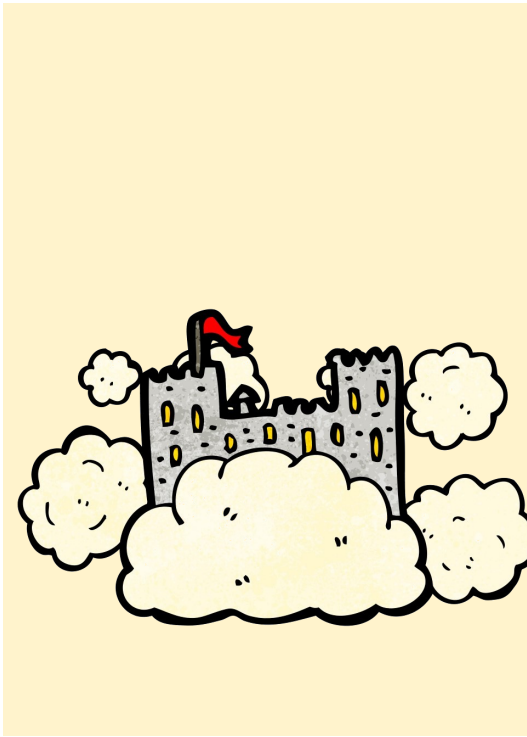
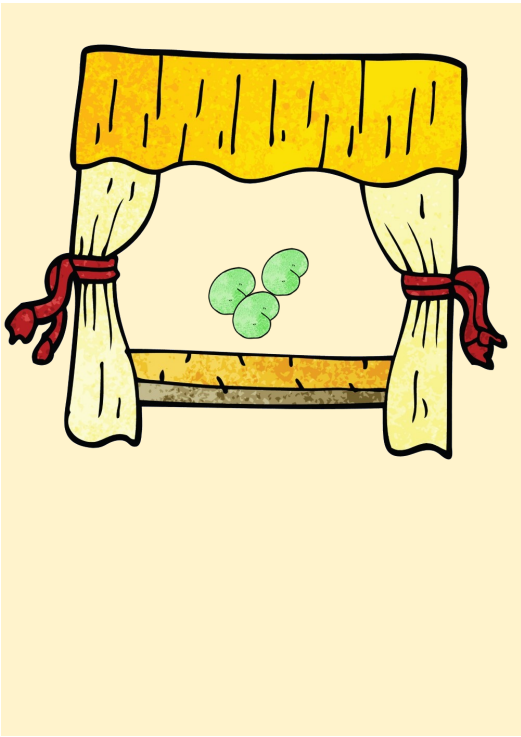


# Jack and the Beanstalk

Sequence







You could use these blank  
cards to draw your own  
versions of the story!

Is there something you  
think should have been  
included?

Do you want to add  
another character?



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Sequence



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Sequence





In the story, Jack hid from the giant until he was asleep to take the hen and harp. Practice this by playing Hide & Seek.

You can play this game anywhere!  
All you need is a space where it is possible to hide and at least 2 people.

## Hide & Seek



One person is the seeker and the rest of the players hide. The seeker closes their eyes and counts up to 10 (longer if you're playing in a bigger space) while the others hide.

Once they have finished counting, the seeker looks for the hiders. The first person to be found is the seeker for the next game.

## Grow and Freeze

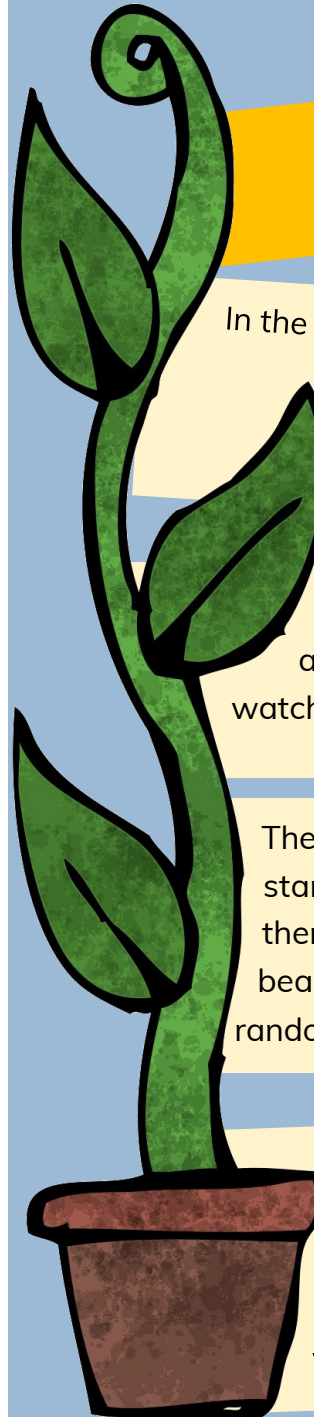
(Granny's footsteps)

In the story, Jack's mother threw the magic beans out of the window. When they woke up, they found that a huge beanstalk had grown up overnight!

In this game, one person is the watcher and the rest are growers. Don't grow if the watcher is looking!

The watcher faces away from the growers, who start crouched down on the floor. The growers then start slowly growing upwards like a beanstalk and the watcher will turn around randomly.

When the watcher turns around the growers must stop growing until they turn around again. If the watcher sees a grower growing, then they are out and they are the watcher for the next game.





**Play out!**



**Play out!**







This game needs one player to be the instructor. The rest of the players are the beans. The beans listen carefully to see what kind of bean they need to be.

## The Bean Game

**Runner bean:** running on the spot

**Jumping bean:** jumping up and down

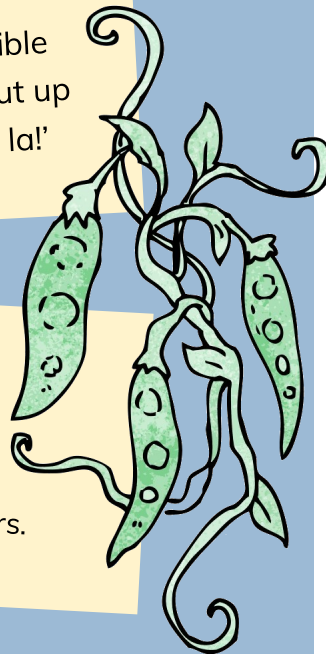
**Jelly bean:** wobble wobble!

**Broad bean:** make yourself as wide as possible

**Bean sprout:** start curled up small and sprout up

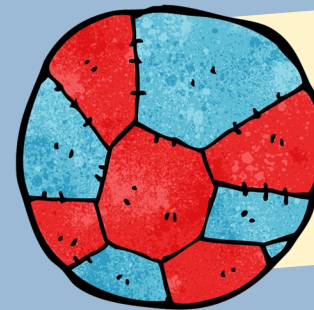
**French bean:** hands on hips and say 'ooh la la!'

Children may be familiar with this game as it is often used for PE warmups. If they know it, they can help out the other players.

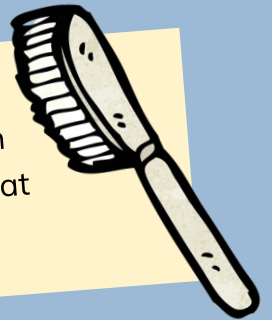


## Magic Bean Marketplace

In the story, Jack sells a cow for magic beans, even though his mother was expecting Jack to sell it for money.



Find some objects of yours and trade between family members. See what you can swap for them!



How many beans can you get for a knife and fork? Use different objects around the house to set up a market!





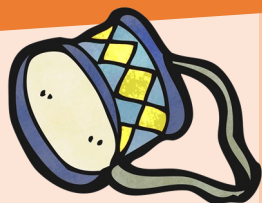
**Play out!**



**Play out!**



## Make your own instruments!



Jack found a magic harp. You can make your own instruments - see what rhythms and music you can make with them!

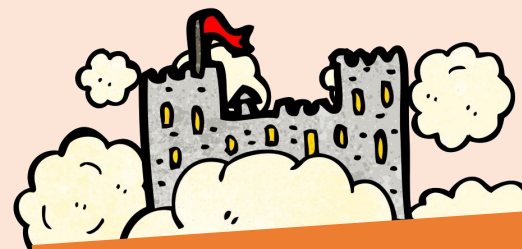


**For a mini banjo,** wrap elastic bands around a jam jar lid. For a handle, you can stick a piece of paper/card or even a twig from the local park! Start plucking the strings and see what sound they make.



**For a shaker,** take an empty plastic bottle or container and fill it with either raw rice or pasta. Secure tightly and shake some rhythms!

**For a guitar,** use an old tissue box (or cereal box with a hole cut out of one side) for the main part and stretch elastic bands over it for the guitar strings. For the handle, you can use the inside of a toilet roll or kitchen roll. Pluck the strings and see what sounds you can make.



## Build a Castle

Make your own castle in the clouds! Use old cereal boxes, toilet roll inners and scrap paper to make a model of a castle.



You could use scrunched up tissue paper or newspaper to make clouds.



Decorate your castle with paint, stickers, crayons, or anything else you have to hand.







**Make it!**



**Make it!**

