

Lesson One

To be able to explore the features and the language of legends

This is the second part of the legend – 'The Beast with a 1000 teeth'. Read the rest of the legend and then make **notes (not complete sentences)** on the 'Detective's notebook'.

Use your **notes** to write an answer the question **'Is this story typical of a legend?'**

Read the story. Find the features of a legend.

The beast lived in a dark and dismal cave. The floor was littered with the bones of people it had eaten and the stone walls were marked with lines, where the beast used to sharpen his teeth. But Sam got to work right away, and started to bake as many cakes as he could for the beast. And when he ran out of flour or eggs or anything else, the beast would run back into town and get them, although he never paid for anything.

Sam cooked and baked, and he made scones and éclairs and meringues and sponge cakes and shortbread and doughnuts.

But the beast looked at them and said

'You haven't made any pink ones!'

'Just a minute!' said Sam, and he took the cakes and he covered every one of them in pink icing.

'There you are,' said Sam 'they're all pink ones!'

'Great!' said the beast and ate the lot.

Well, the beast grew so fond of Sam's cakes that it shortly gave up eating people altogether, and it stayed at home in its cave eating and eating, and growing fatter and fatter. This went on for a whole year, until one morning Sam woke up to find the beast rolling around groaning and beating the floor of the cave. Of course you can guess what was the matter with it.

'Oh dear,' said Sam 'I'm afraid it's all that pink icing that has given you toothache.' Well, the toothache got worse and worse and, because the beast had a thousand teeth, it was soon suffering from the worst toothache that anyone in the whole history of the world has ever suffered from. It lay on its side and held its head and roared in agony until Sam began to feel quite sorry for it. The beast howled and howled with

pain, until it could stand it no longer.

'Please Sam, help me!' it cried.

'Very well,' said Sam. 'Sit still and open your mouth.'

So the beast sat very still and opened its mouth, while Sam got a pair of pliers and took out every single tooth in that beast's head.

Well, when the beast had lost all its thousand teeth, it couldn't eat people any more. So Sam took it home and went to the Mayor and claimed ten bags of gold as his reward. Then he went to the King and claimed the hundred bags of gold as his reward. Then he went back and lived with his father and mother once more, and the beast helped in the pastry shop, and took cakes to the Palace every day, and everyone forgot they had ever been afraid of the beast with a thousand teeth.

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Success Criteria

- **Introduction sentence** that shows your opinion e.g.' The Beast with 1000 teeth' is a typical legend / is not a typical legend **because...**
- **Evidence** from the story to justify your opinion.
- **Evidence of specific ingredients of legends** such as a **hero / heroine**
- **A concluding sentence**
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See Teacher's Modelled Example

The Beast with 1000 teeth is typical of a legend because one of the main characters is a terrifying, ferocious beast who captures and eats the people around him. Everyone is afraid of the beast. At the same time, this legend is not typical because there is not a brave heroic knight who saves everyone but a small boy who had been captured by the beast. The evidence shows that...

'Is this story typical of a legend?'
