



Fenris the Wolf



Fenris was a fearsome wolf who lived in Jotunheim. He was so powerful and so fierce, that even King Odin was afraid of him.

Odin could see how cruel Fenris was becoming and ordered him to stay with him in Asgard, where he could be watched by the other gods.

Fenris made his home in Asgard, wandering around and causing mischief wherever he could. Every day he grew in size and every day his mind became more twisted and evil. Gods and goddesses would run away whenever they saw him approaching. Even Thor, Odin's warrior son, felt unsafe when Fenris was around.

The great wolf was a danger to everyone. Odin knew something had to be done, so he came up with a plan.

Q1: What was the name of the fearsome wolf? **Circle one** answer.

Jotunheim

Asgard

Odin

Fenris

Thor

Q2: Where did Fenris have to stay?



Q3: Why do you think that Odin wanted Fenris to be watched by the other gods?



Odin asked Thor to use his mighty hammer to make a chain strong enough to hold Fenris in a prison but despite Thor's best efforts, the enormous wolf found it easy to break the solid metal. Nothing could hold him.

Then Odin had another idea. Perhaps the dwarves could create a chain. They had spent thousands of years making weapons. If anyone had the skills to make a chain strong enough, it was them. Plus, Odin thought, dwarves used magic. Their chain would be enchanted!

The day came when the chain was given to King Odin. The other gods and goddesses were not impressed because it looked more like a thread of string. Odin dared Thor to break it but as much as he pulled, the chain remained unbroken.

Q4: Who did Odin dare to try and break the chain? Tick **one** answer.



Odin

the dwarves

Thor

Fenris

Q5: Why did Odin think that the dwarves would make a good chain?



Q6: Find and copy **one** word from the text which means the same as 'make'.



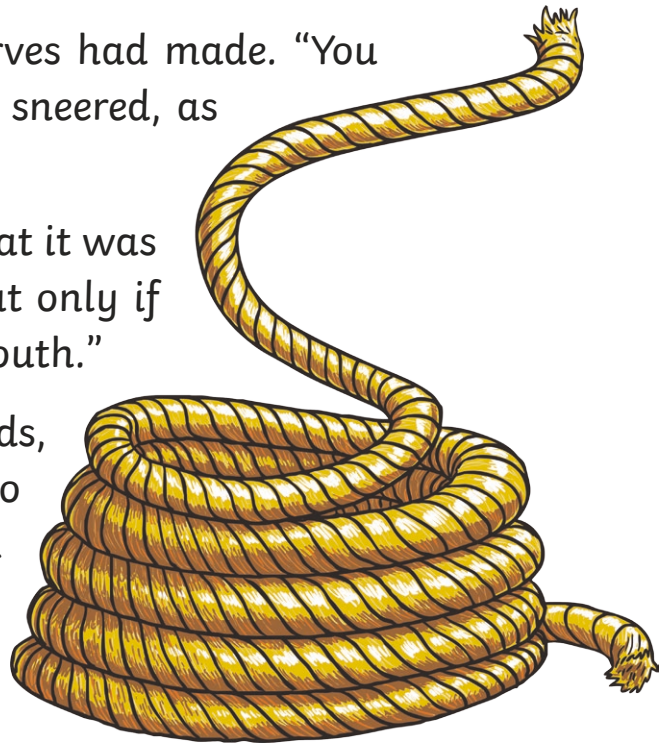
“Fenris,” King Odin said. “We have a test for your strength.”

Fenris growled at the chain that the dwarves had made. “You think this scrawny rope will hold me?” he sneered, as Thor wrapped it around him.

“Wait!” Fenris roared, suddenly thinking that it was a trick. “I will go ahead with this test... but only if one of you agree to put your hand in my mouth.”

Tyr, one of the bravest of Asgard’s gods, stepped forward. Fenris opened his mouth to reveal the sharpest, longest teeth Odin had ever seen.

“In it goes, little man,” the wolf growled, and he closed his jaws around Tyr’s hand...



Q7: Why do you think that Fenris wanted someone to put their hand in his mouth?

Q8: What do you think will happen next?
Explain your answer.



Q9: Put the following events in the order that they happen in the text.
The first one has been done for you.

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- 1 We are first introduced to Fenris.
- Tyr put his hand in the wolf's mouth.
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- Odin came up with a plan.
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Accept answers which discuss that Odin wanted the other gods to keep an eye on Fenris to make sure that he did not do anything bad, e.g.

- **Odin wanted the other gods to watch Fenris to make sure he didn't do anything nasty.**

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Accept answers which discuss either of the following themes:

- **Odin knew that the dwarves had lots of experiences making weapons so it would be a good chain.**
- **Odin knew that the dwarves used magic so the chain would have magic powers.**

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Q7: Why do you think that Fenris wanted someone to put their hand in his mouth?

Accept any reasonable answer which discusses that Fenris wanted someone's hand in his mouth so that if the test turned out to be a trick, he would be able to bite them and get his own back, such as:

- **He wanted it so that he could get revenge if the chain was a trick.**

Q8: What do you think will happen next? Explain your answer.

Accept any reasonable prediction based on the events of the text so far, including but not limited to:

- **Fenris would bite Tyr's hand when he couldn't break the chain.**
- **Fenris would be able to break the chain anyway.**
- **King Odin would lock the chain and keep Fenris prisoner forever.**
- **Tyr would trick Fenris into letting go of his hand.**

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