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Probably not, no. People had been telling very similar stories for many years, but no one had bothered to write one down before Gabrielle.

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THE BEAST FACTOR

BEASTS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT...



Too Violent!



Too Cute!



Too Invisible!



Too Alien!



Too Stinkyl!



Too Amateurl!

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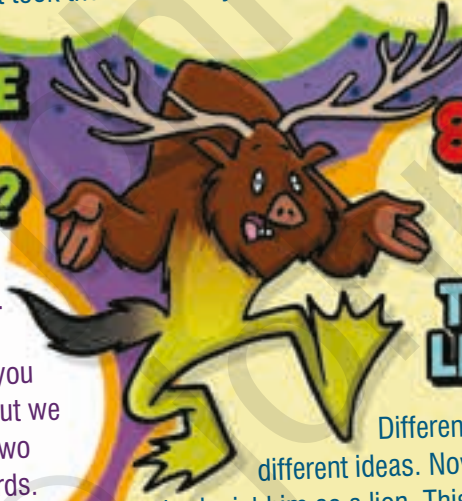


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7 ARE THERE ANY OTHER FAMOUS ONES?

Yes, there was also a French film in 1946 called... you guessed it, *La Belle et la bête*. We'd tell you more about it, but we only know two French words.



8 WHAT IS THE BEAST SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE?

Different stories have had different ideas. Nowadays, people tend to depict him as a lion. This is because that's how he looked in the 1946 film. There are also versions where he looks like a boar, a stag, a frog, a wolf and a bison. That's one scary combo!

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- *Shrek* - a horrible green ogre falls in love with a princess (who is secretly an ogre too).
- *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* - a hunchback falls in love with a gypsy girl.
- The Thing from the comic book *Fantastic Four* - a man made of rock falls in love with a blind woman.
- *Jane Eyre* - a governess falls in love with a moody man called Mr Rochester.

10 WHAT OTHER STORIES HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY BEAUTY AND THE BEAST?

THE BEST BEASTS OF ALL



LA BÊTE/ THE BEAST

Where does it come from: France.

What is it: A handsome and very rich prince turned into a beast by a fairy having a bad day. Tends to be a little on the romantic, charming side.

Good points: There's always the possibility of him turning back into a handsome (and possibly very rich) prince.

Bad points: Charming, but it is a bit like kissing a rug.

GOLEM

Where does it come from: Europe.

What is it: Part-monster, part-mobile mailbox. He's made of clay, and if you write something down and pop it in his mouth, he'll do it.

Good points: very handy when your parents give you chores to do.

Bad points: If your handwriting's bad, he may end up 'crashing' rather than 'washing' your dad's car!



PUKWUDGIE

Where does it come from: North-Eastern USA.

What is it: A three foot tall, grey-skinned person with large ears, nose and fingers. Bit temperamental and doesn't like to be bothered. Known for throwing sand in people's eyes and pushing them off cliffs.

Good points: Bit on the small side for a monster.

Bad points: Stay away from sandy cliff tops.



AIGAMUXA

Where does it come from: Africa.

What is it: A desert-dwelling dude who looks vaguely human, except he has no eyes on his face: they're on his feet instead!

Good points: Can help you find things that you drop on the floor.

Bad points: Has to stick his smelly feet in the air when watching TV.

NASNAS

Where does it come from: Arabia.

What is it: A man with one eye, half a nose and mouth, one arm and one leg. Oh, and a camel's tail.

Can hop very fast. No one knows what happened to the other half of him.

Good points: Gets 50% off buying gloves and shoes.

Bad points: Has trouble getting back up when he falls over.



ONI

Where does it come from: Japan.

What is it: Horned ogre with wild hair, long claws and even longer tusks. Don't get too close because they usually have terrible breath.

Good points: They can be made a bit more approachable with a manicure and some mouthwash.

Bad points: Not very popular with the Tooth Fairy.



TIKBALANG

Where does it come from: Philippines.

What is it: A horse-headed, bony spirit with really long arms and legs, the Tikbalang likes to lead travellers in the forests astray, so they end up where they started.

Good points: Legends say that you can trick him by wearing your shirt inside out (or carrying a sat nav with you).

Bad points: Despite those long arms and legs, his tendency to lead jockeys astray means he's not worth a flutter in the Grand National.



YOWIE

Where does it come from: Australia.

What is it: The Australian cousin of the yeti. Opinions differ as to how big he is. Some say 7ft; others say 15!

Good points: Handy at getting your football off the roof.

Bad points: People will think you're in pain when you say his name out loud.



WRITE YOUR OWN BEAUTY AND THE BEAST STORY

Here's your chance to tell your very own version of the Beauty and the Beast story. Make it as sensible or as silly as you like.

Once upon a time, there lived a beautiful young girl called Belle, who lived with...



A her father



B acne



C 17 cats and a guinea pig named Gregory

One day, Belle's father went out to the shop to get...



A a dress for his daughter



B witch hazel for her acne



C away from her singing

On the way home, her father cut through a garden and picked...



A a rose



B his nose



C the winning lottery numbers

Unfortunately, he was caught red-handed by...



A a hairy, horrible Beast



B a painfully shy Beast



C a Beast who suffered from hay fever

As punishment, the Beast demanded...



A the father to bring his daughter Belle to stay at the castle



B a mobile phone upgrade



C seven tonnes of manure for his roses

The Beast imprisoned Belle in the castle with...



A no hope of escape



B a very irritable bull



C flat-pack furniture that she had to make herself

Over time, Belle settled in and became...



A fond of the Beast



B friends with the bull (who had calmed down A LOT)



C much better at singing

Finally, on a beautiful summer's day...



A Beauty and the Beast were married and lived happily ever after



B Beast joined the dots up on Beauty's face



C the castle was knocked down to make room for that new bypass

THE END

GOOD SPELLS

Can't find your favourite toy or book? Here's a handy spell you can use to find lost objects.



A SPELL YOU CAN DO AT HOME

First of all, get a really good image of the object you have lost in your head. Imagine it in the palm of your left hand. Next, draw a circle on your left hand with your right index finger, and say out loud:

If it doesn't work on the first go, try it again! Eventually you'll remember.

Bound and binding, binding bound;
See the light, hear the sound;
What was lost will now be found;
Bound and binding, binding bound.

Wishful Thinking

Unfortunately, to do most other spells you need to be a practising wizard, witch or fairy. Still there's plenty of ways for us ordinary humans to do our own spells by making wishes! Here's some examples of when to make your wishes so that they come true:

When you see a shooting star in the night sky

When you blow out the candles on your birthday cake

When you break a wishbone when eating a chicken or turkey

When you blow on a dandelion, releasing all its seeds

When you pick up a penny from the ground

When you find a four-leaf clover in the grass

When a ladybird lands on you



REVERSE THE CURSE

Remember, if you ever get a spell put on you by someone, don't panic: there's always a way to reverse the curse. If you look at famous stories like *Sleeping Beauty*, *Snow White* and *The Frog Prince*, all you need to break a spell is a big sloppy kiss!



BAD SPELLS



Why not write one of these silly curses on a piece of paper and stick it on your bedroom door?

1 To those who disturb my sleep, may their underpants be eternally uncomfortable and itchy

2 To those who dare enter my room, you are cursed to dance like an embarrassing dad at a wedding reception for the rest of time.

3 To those who think I didn't notice them sneaking into my room, you are cursed to repeat the last word of everything you say, like an echo echo.

Curse of the Pharaohs

A lot of people think that the ancient Egyptians were mad about curses. The most famous example that gets brought up is King Tutankhamun who supposedly had these words inscribed on his tomb: "Death shall come on swift wings to he who disturbs the peace of the king." But actually, as scary as this sounds, it was a load of mumbo jumbo made up by Victorian journalists who were just trying to sell a few more newspapers.



Double, Double, Toil and Trouble

In fantasy stories, there are two types of people who have the power to make spells - fairies and witches. They're quite easy to get mixed up because they both use magic wands, but witches also use cauldrons to brew their magic potions. To make these concoctions they mix up the grossest stuff.

What would you put in your cauldron?

- Mouldy cheese sandwich?
- Sweaty socks?
- Gone-off pickle?
- Bacon rind?
- Brussel sprouts?
- Earwax?
- Hair from the plughole?
- Bogies?
- Toenail clippings?



Don't Get Jinxed!

Remember, as well as getting good luck you can also get bad luck too. Avoid all these things if you don't want to get cursed with bad luck!

Don't let a black cat walk in front of you

Don't break a mirror

Don't walk under a ladder

Don't open an umbrella indoors



PANTO PUZZLERS

THE DIRTY MESSAGE!

Beauty has left a message for the Beast in this dirty mirror!

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OR

Can you work out what it says?

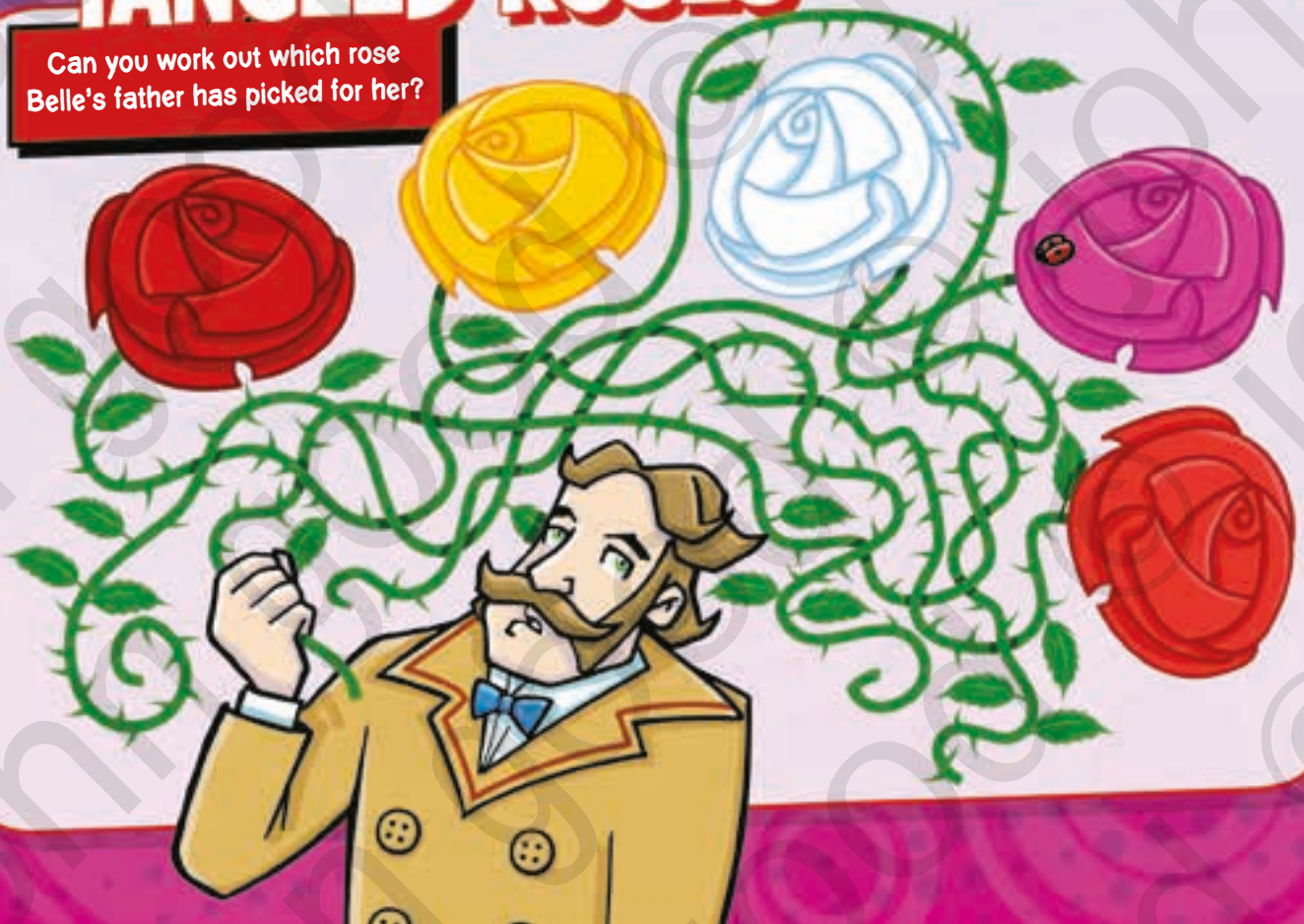
See how quickly you can say this without getting muddled!

A BEAST OF A TONGUE TWISTER!

Belle's blushing beauty makes the bearded Beast blush!

TANGLED ROSES

Can you work out which rose Belle's father has picked for her?



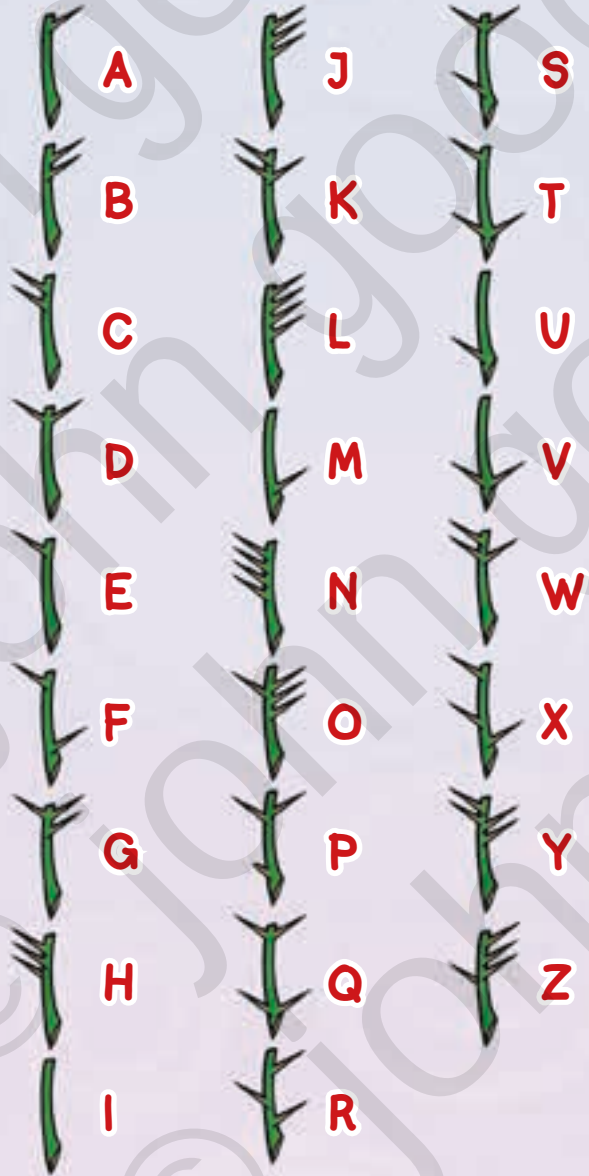
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the six differences between these two princes?



A THORNY TEASER!

Use the thorny code to work out the secret message below!



Secret message:



FIRST KISS!

Relax your eyes and stare at the space between Belle and the Beast. Slowly bring the page towards your face and see them share their first kiss!



Try again if it doesn't work the first time.

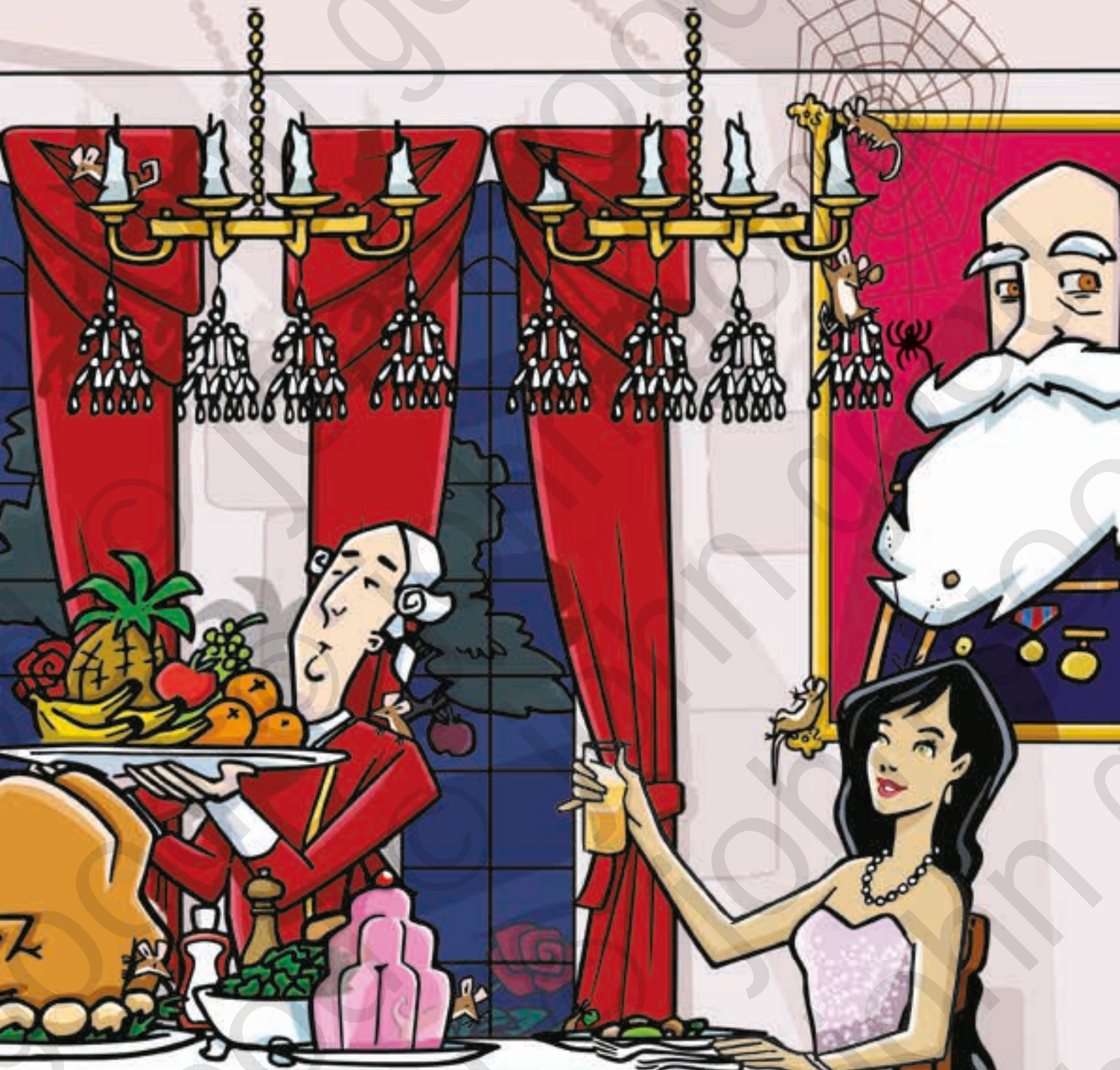


THE BEASTLY FEAST!

STABLES

PANTRY

SHAMPOO



Can you find...

17 mice

a bottle of shampoo

3 roses

the castle's kitten

12 apples

a comb

3 spiders

a garden rake

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**JUST
ADD
COLOUR!**



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**AND BRING THIS
MAGICAL SCENE
TO LIFE!**



SCRUMMY RECIPES!

Beauty and the Beast are in the kitchen, cooking their favourite recipes. Why don't you try them out when you get home?*

*Remember to ask an adult to help you.

BEAUTY'S EDIBLE FACE PACKS

Chocolate Face Pack

- 1 Take one tablespoon of flour and add one teaspoon of cocoa powder.
- 2 Add to it one teaspoon of honey and enough milk to form a thick paste.
- 3 Whisk everything together.
- 4 Apply it on your face and leave it for five to ten minutes.
- 5 Scrub lightly and wash off with lukewarm water.

Honey and Almond Face Pack

- 1 Take a handful of chopped almonds and a handful of oats.
- 2 Add two tablespoons of runny honey and two tablespoons of yoghurt.
- 3 Stir everything together.
- 4 Apply it on your face and leave it for five to ten minutes.
- 5 Scrub lightly and wash off with lukewarm water.

Instructions...

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180 C/350 F/Gas 4.
- 2 Line a muffin tray with paper cases.
- 3 Mix all the ingredients for the cake and then spoon into the paper cases.
- 4 Bake in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes.
- 5 Remove from oven and let cool completely.
- 6 Roll the marzipan into little 'eyeballs' and apply some chocolate drops as 'pupils'.
- 7 Put a drop or two of brown food colouring on the desiccated coconut and mix in a steel bowl.
- 8 In another bowl, combine some icing sugar, water and some brown food colouring.
- 9 Dip the top of the muffins into the brown icing sugar mix, and then dip into the coconut mix and allow to dry.
- 10 Fix the marzipan 'eyes' with some icing-sugar mix onto the muffins.

FEASTY BEASTY CUPCAKES

Cake

500g plain flour
200g butter
200g caster sugar
One teaspoon of vanilla extract
Three eggs
50ml milk
One tablespoon of baking powder

Decoration

Packet of ready-rolled marzipan
Packet of icing sugar
Handful of chocolate drops
Packet of desiccated coconut
Handful of raisins
Brown food colouring
Packet of mini chocolate-chip cookies

Makes: 20-24

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Once you've stopped admiring your handiwork, start eating them!

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In front of the eyes, put a raisin for a 'nose'.

Break the cookies in half; use a knife to make a 'mouth' and place the cookie into it.

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BEAUTY'S PERSONALITY TEST

When Beauty first meets the Beast she thinks he's terrifying, but after getting to know him she discovers he's really quite kind and sweet.

NUMBER	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
0	..... Quiet	..... Shy	..... Explorer
1	..... Creative	..... Furry	..... Artist
2	..... Secretive	..... Smooth	..... Scientist
3	..... Excitable	..... Cool	..... Historian
4	..... Jolly	..... Squeaky	..... Soccer Player
5	..... Hardworking	..... Smart	..... Gymnast
6	..... Happy	..... Waddling	..... Mathematician
7	..... Mischievous	..... Trendy	..... Bookworm
8	..... Generous	..... Skinny	..... Musician
9	..... Friendly	..... Hungry	..... Chef

Why don't you use Beauty's Personality Test to find out who you really are? Pick the **LAST** number of your day, month and year of birth, and then read out your description.

For example, if your birthday is on 17.03.2008, Beauty's Personality Test would say you are a **Mischievous Cool Musician!**

LOST IN THE CASTLE

Beauty is exploring the Beast's castle and has got lost! Can you help her find her way out?

Start



Finish



SOME OTHER CURSED PRINCES!

Turns out that the Beast isn't the only prince who has been cursed. Can you work out what these five beasts used to look like?



CASTLE DOORPLATE

Pretend you are the prince or princess of the castle with this funky nameplate!



Badges

Sign

THIS
BEDROOM BELONGS
TO

Instructions

1 Cut out this page and glue it onto thin card.

2 Cut your door sign, badge and tab along the (black) dotted lines.

3 Fold the sign in half and very carefully cut along the dotted lines in the middle. (Ask an adult to help you with this)

4 Stick the badge on to the sign. Draw in a picture or add your own photo!

5 Write your name on the door sign and stick it on your door.

Tab

DO NOT
ENTER!

I AM
IN

I AM
OUT

PLEASE
KNOCK!

Finished Sign



WHICH BEAST ARE YOU?



THE BEAST
 You're just a really great guy trapped in a beastly bod. In life, you're suave, cultured and a whiz at the waltz and tango! You're stern, but honest, and you are always there for your friends.

MEDUSA
 Okay, so your gaze turns people to stone? No probs - just wear shades. You're a real glamazon, even though your pad doesn't have any mirrors! You're a hip and happenin' rock chick with a wicked hairstyle, who loves to party!

ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN
 You're very misunderstood - so what if you like going for long hikes in the mountains and never wear shoes? You think you should really be called 'The Adorable Snowman', but first you need a shave and a haircut - and move to somewhere less cold...

FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER
 You've got to stop breaking things and stomping about. Learn to say things other than 'Uuuuhhh! Uuuuhhh!', and don't just wear grey. Then, people might see the complex person you are a man of many parts!

ANSWERS

THE DIRTY MESSAGE!

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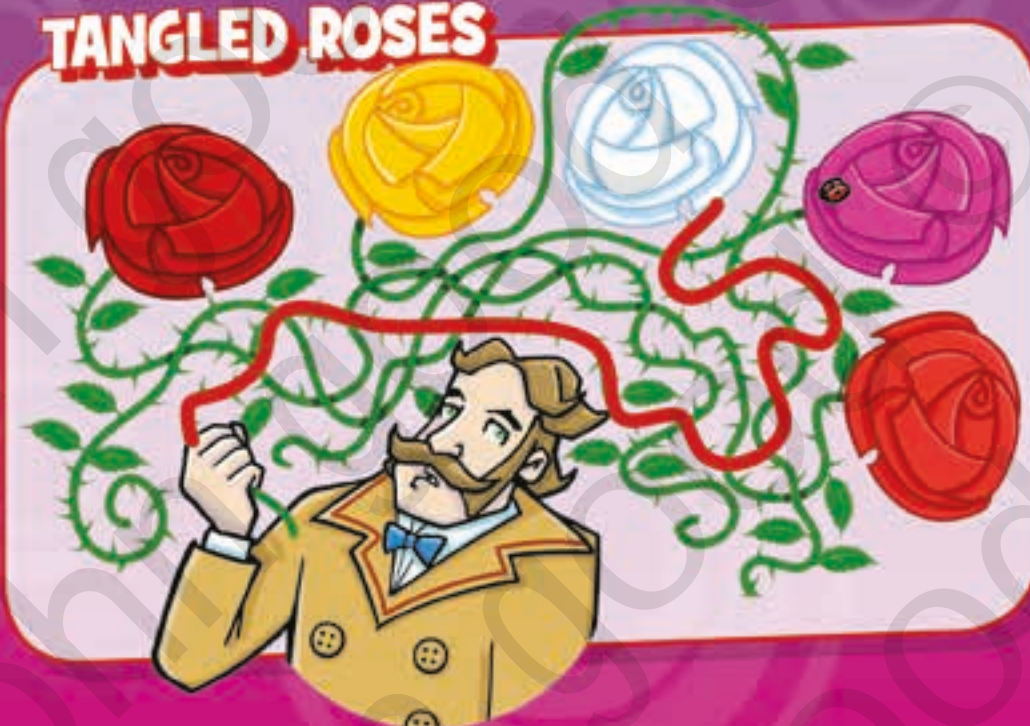
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