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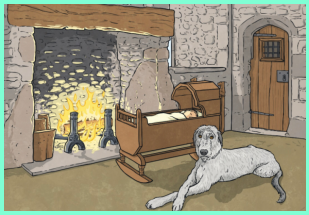
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What do you think our new text is about?









Welcome to Beddgelert

(pronounced Bethgelert)











Can you find Beddgelert on this map of North Wales?



	Glossary
fearless	not afraid, brave.
swaddling	an age-old practice of wrapping infants in blankets or similar cloths. (Like baby Jesus)
consolation	something that lessens disappointment, misery, or grief.
bedchamber	bedroom.
hound	any of several breeds of dogs. Hounds have short hair, a deep voice, and long, drooping ears. They are used for hunting.
homestead	the home and adjoining land occupied by a family.
tapestries	a heavy cloth that has designs or pictures woven into it and is used especially as a wall hanging.
inscribed	to write, engrave, or print as a lasting record.

Read the text out loud with your partner.

Remember:

Use your reading ruler

Look at your partner when they are reading

Sit still

Help your partner if they are stuck on a word

Read to your partner in a voice that only they can hear

Write down any words you don't know the meaning of onto your whiteboard

Once you have finished reading aloud, read silently.

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4. What did Llewelyn ask Gelert to do? Why do you think he did this? [2]
5. Was Gelert happy to do what had been asked of him? How do you know this? Find 2 pieces of evidence answers.
6. What does Llywelyn think Gelert has done when he first enters the baby's room?
7. Why does he think this? [3]
8. What had Gelert actually done? [2]
9. How does realising this make Llywelyn feel? What makes you think this? [2]
10. Why is the village now called 'Beddgelert'? [2]
11. How does the writer make the end of the story feel sad? [4]

The Story of Gelert

Many years ago, in a castle deep in the rugged mountains of Eryri, in the county of Gwynedd, lived a brave and well respected prince called Llewelyn. This prince loved to hunt and his favourite hunting dog was a faithful and fearless hound called Gelert. Gelert accompanied Llewelyn everywhere and was always to be found at the head of the pack. No game was too big, too strong or too fierce for Gelert, whose bravery knew no bounds. This prince had a beloved son, a swaddling babe whose mother had died in childbirth. Llewelyn had loved his wife dearly and been broken hearted by her death. His only consolation had been his son. On her death-bed, Llewelyn had promised his wife that he would cherish the boy and this he did.

He looked forward to the day when the two of them could ride out together, tracking the wolves and the other wild animals found in the ancient hills and the dark forests of Gwynedd in those far off days.

One day, Llewelyn and his men were preparing to go out hunting. The baby lay fast asleep in his cradle, his nurse in attendance nearby. The day was cold and damp but a huge log fire blazed in the bedchamber and the cradle was covered with warm furs. The baby was safe and snug. Nevertheless, Llewelyn decided to leave his loyal hound, Gelert, to protect the homestead. As he left he gently stroked the dog's huge, shaggy head. "Guard them well, Gelert," he said. "Until I return." Gelert's tail thumped the ground slowly and his eyes remained on his master's face until Llewelyn softly closed the door behind him.

It was late when the prince returned home. He was tired but victorious. A sumptuous feast was being prepared and he strode through the great hall towards the bedchamber, eager to see his son and relax in front of the great fire.

But as he entered the room he beheld a terrible sight. Furniture lay upturned, tapestries had been ripped from their hangings and the baby's cradle lay empty on the floor. The luxurious furs that had previously covered the cradle lay scattered nearby, torn to shreds and smeared with blood.

As Llewelyn stood rooted to the spot, he felt a soft, warm, velvety nose nuzzle the palm of his hand. He looked down to see Gelert's trusting eyes gazing up at him. The dog looked exhausted but wagged his tail weakly. His head and paws were stained with blood. "You wicked creature!" roared the prince. "This dog has killed my son!" and without further ado he drew his dagger and plunged it deep into Gelert's side. As the dog slumped to the ground, the prince heard a soft whimpering from behind the upturned cradle.

As the dog lay dying, Llewelyn gently picked up his son. Too late, he turned to see the half covered body of a huge wolf lying dead on the floor. Thanks to Gelert, the baby remained unharmed. Filled with remorse, Llewelyn knelt and gently stroked his faithful friend and Gelert's tail thumped the ground slowly for the last time.

Gelert's body was buried outside the castle walls, close to the river. The huge stone slab, inscribed with Gelert's name, still marks the grave and the village nearby still carries the name 'Beddgelert' – Gelert's grave.

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That he would cherish their son.

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Llywelyn asked Gelert to protect/guard his son while he went hunting.

He knew that he could trust Gelert because he was 'faithful'.

5. Was Gelert happy to do what had been asked of him? How do you know this? Find 2 pieces of evidence to prove your answers.

Yes, Gelert was happy to do this.

He watched Llywelyn leave and he thumped his tail on the floor.

6. What does Llywelyn think Gelert has done when he first enters the baby's room? Why does he think this?

Llywelyn thinks Gelert has killed/eaten/murdered his son.

The cradle is empty.

There is blood everywhere.

7. What had Gelert actually done? [2]

He had saved the baby.

He killed the wolf.

8. How does realising this make Llywelyn feel? What makes you think this? [2]

He feels guilty. He stokes the dog's head as he dies.

9. Why is the village now called 'Beddgelert'? [2]

Gelert was buried by the castle walls/His grave is there.

To remember Gelert's bravery.

10. How does the writer make the end of the story feel sad? [4]

Llywelyn kills Gelert in anger and without waiting for the facts.

He realises that he's killed his dog when he had saved his son.

Gelert was faithful to the very end – he thumps his tail as Llywelyn strokes him.

He strokes the dog which shows he feels sad and guilty.

We know he's going to die as he thumps his tail for the 'last time'.

He sees the wolf 'too late'.

Watch this version of the story of Gelert.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMll6yQaH1A

What is the same and what is different?