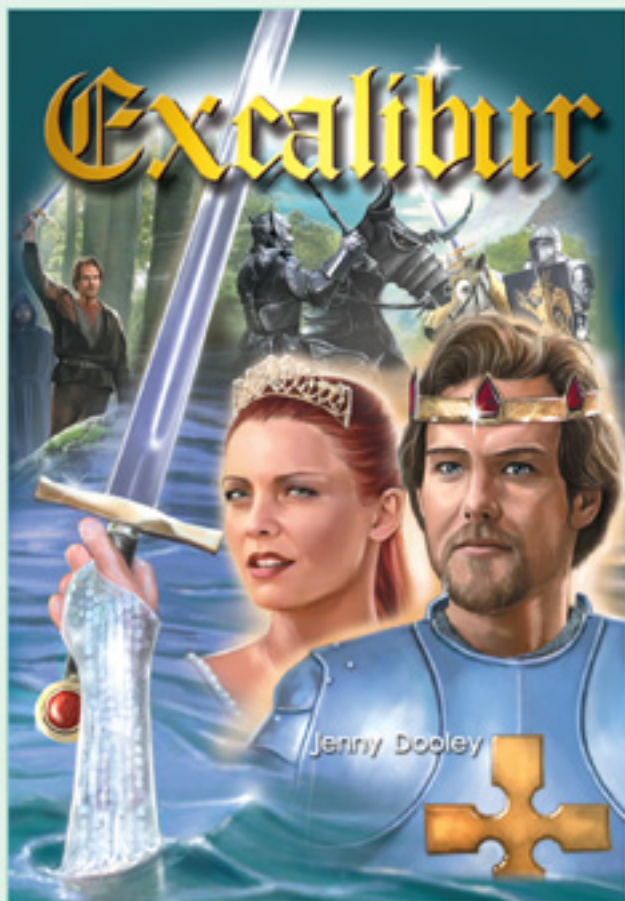


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Introductory Lesson

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Before reading:

- 1 Look at the cover of the book and guess what the story is about. Is it a Romance, a Western or a Mystery?
- 2 The class is divided into groups of four or five. Each group is given five illustrations from the reader.
Now arrange the illustrations in any sequence you wish in order to make a story. You must give your story a title. Report back to the teacher, and tell your story.
- 3 Look at the chapter titles and the illustrations from each chapter. Match the titles to the illustrations, and say why you've chosen them.
- 4 Look at the pictures of the characters. When do you think the story takes place? What could it be about?

Lesson 1

Chapter 1

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I. Pre-questions



Listen to the cassette and tick (✓) True or False.

- 1 Merlin is a magician with special powers.
- 2 Excalibur is a powerful knife.
- 3 Only the Lady's face rose from the water.
- 4 Uther makes a promise to Merlin.
- 5 Merlin wants to be strong and powerful.

True	False

II. Comprehension questions

Read the text, then answer the questions.

- 1 Who was King of England?
- 2 What power was given to the owner of Excalibur?
- 3 Who did Uther want to see?
- 4 What promise did Uther make to Merlin?
- 5 What happened when Uther took hold of the sword?
- 6 Why must Merlin watch over the use of the sword?

III. Topics for Discussion

- 1 Do you think Uther will keep this promise? Why? Why not?

- 2 Merlin had a crystal ball to predict the future. What other things do we use to predict the future?
- 3 Do you believe that the future can be predicted?
- 4 Has anyone ever trusted you to take good care of something? What was it?
- 5 Do you wear or carry around anything to bring you good luck? What?

IV. Activity

A *Choose from the box the words which best describe Uther and Merlin.*

Merlin is

.....

Uther is

.....

- magical
- mysterious
- brave
- trustworthy
- powerful
- gentle
- strong

Vocabulary Exercises

I. Choose the correct item.

- 1 The river runs through a between two mountains.
A valley B surface C robe
- 2 The teacher the picture so all the students could see.
A watched over B held up C stepped into
- 3 Rockets have very engines.
A first-born B puzzled C powerful
- 4 She looked at her in the mirror.
A reflection B handle C sword
- 5 I my friend so I told her my secret.
A divide B reach C trust

II. Fill in the gaps choosing the correct word from the box.

throughout human deserve land rose

- 1 The children an ice-cream because they've been good today.
- 2 Australia is a full of mountains and lakes.
- 3 My sister has a doll that looks almost
- 4 I'd like to live in Hawaii because it's hot the year.
- 5 He from his chair to let the old lady sit down.

I. Pre-questions



Listen to the cassette and tick (✓) the correct box.

1 Uther's wife's name is

☐	A	Ingrid
☐	B	Igraine
☐	C	Imelda

2 The King's wife said

☐	A	"Uther kill him!"
☐	B	"Merlin you are a thief!"
☐	C	"No, don't take my baby!"

3 The King killed the thief with

☐	A	a knife
☐	B	a gun
☐	C	a sword

4 The men want Excalibur so that they can rule

☐	A	Scotland
☐	B	England
☐	C	Ireland

5 Uther pushes the sword into

☐	A	a tree
☐	B	a stone
☐	C	a rock

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 Why was the Queen angry?
- 2 Why did Merlin refuse to change the agreement?
- 3 What was the weather like?
- 4 Who attacked Uther?
- 5 What did the thieves want?
- 6 What happened when Uther's hand touched Excalibur?
- 7 What did Uther do with Excalibur?
- 8 Who would be the next person to pull the sword from the rock?

III. Topics for Discussion

- 1 Have you ever made a promise to someone? Did you keep your promise or break it?
- 2 Has anyone ever stolen anything from you? What was it?
- 3 Where would you hide something you didn't want anyone to find?
- 4 What kind of man should a King be?

IV. Activity

Read the three descriptions below. Choose one of the people as the future King of England.

1 William

Age: 18

Description: Medium-height, short fair hair, blue eyes.

Personal abilities: Horse-riding, sword-fencing

Personality: shy, intelligent

2 George

Age: 50

Description: Tall, medium-length brown hair, green eyes.

Personal abilities: Horse-riding, hunting, sword-fencing, archery
(using a bow and arrow)

Personality: confident, friendly, intelligent

3 Henry

Age: 32

Description: Tall, long dark hair, brown eyes.

Personal abilities: sword-fencing, archery.

Personality: confident, cruel, aggressive.