

Stori Gelert

Once upon a time, there was a Prince called Llywelyn who lived in a castle. Llywelyn's favourite dog was Gelert. He was a brave hunting dog and a faithful friend. Llywelyn also had a loving baby whom he thought the world of.



One day, Llywelyn decided to go hunting and left his wise dog at home to look after and protect the baby.



The baby slept peacefully in the cradle. Gelert heard footsteps. He raised his head and was shocked to see a giant wolf ready to eat the baby! The wolf and Gelert growled at each other. The two began fighting. Gelert was determined to be a faithful dog and protect the baby.

Llywelyn came back after dark. He walked straight to the bedroom to see his baby son.

There was a huge mess in the room! An empty cradle lay on its side on the floor. The blankets were torn and covered in blood.

Llywelyn stood still in shock! He looked at Gelert and saw blood over his mouth and paws.



Llywelyn thought that Gelert had done this. He felt angry and he killed the dog. But he heard the tiny cries of a baby coming from behind the cot. Llywelyn moved the cot and found his son alive! Beside him lay a huge dead wolf.

Llywelyn felt guilty. He buried Gelert by a beautiful stream. The grave can be found in a small village called 'Beddgelert'.



Reading Comprehension Activity

1. Read the first paragraph again. Tick **correct** or **incorrect**.

	Correct	Incorrect
Llywelyn had a dog called Gelert.		
Llywelyn was the name of the dog.		

2. Look at the text in the box.

Underline one word which states what Gelert was supposed to do when Llywelyn had gone hunting.

One day Llywelyn decided to go hunting and left his wise dog at home to look after and protect the baby.

3. Choose one word that describes Gelert.

wise

☐

bad

☐

4. Put the events in order from **1-4**:

Llywelyn came back to the castle.

☐

Gelert and the wolf fought each other.

☐

Llywelyn went hunting.

☐

Gelert stayed home to protect the baby.

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5. Find and copy one word which describes how Llywelyn was feeling when he saw the bedroom after returning to the castle.
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6. Fill in the blanks

The baby slept peacefully in the _____. Gelert heard footsteps walking around the _____.

7. Match the sentences to the character. The first has been done for you.

He was a Prince.	Llywelyn
He heard footsteps in the bedroom.	
He was protecting the baby.	Gelert

Reading Comprehension Activity - Answers

1. Read the first paragraph again. Tick **correct** or **incorrect**.

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Llywelyn had a dog called Gelert.	✓	
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Llywelyn went hunting.

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Gelert stayed home to protect the baby.

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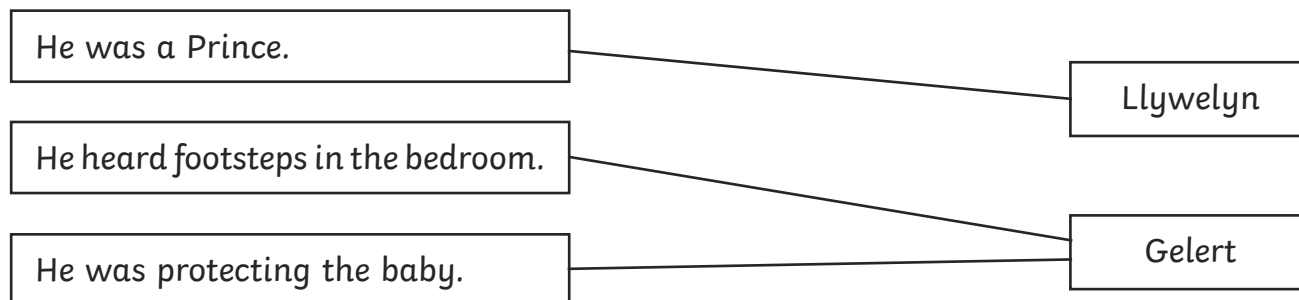
5. Find and copy one word which describes how Llywelyn was feeling when he saw the bedroom after returning to the castle.

Accept either shocked or angry

6. Fill in the blanks.

The baby slept peacefully in the **cradle** . Gelert heard footsteps walking around the **bedroom**.

7. Match the sentences to the character.



Stori Gelert



Long ago in a huge castle lived a Prince called Llywelyn. He loved going hunting. Llywelyn's favourite dog was called Gelert. He was a brave and faithful friend and companion.

Llywelyn had a loving baby whom he thought the world of.

One day, Llywelyn wanted to go hunting. Llywelyn decided to leave Gelert, his beloved and sensible dog, at home to protect the baby.

The baby slept peacefully in the cradle. Gelert heard footsteps. He raised his head and was shocked to see a giant wolf ready to eat the baby!

The wolf and Gelert growled at each other for a long time showing their teeth. The two began fighting with all their strength. Gelert was determined to be a faithful dog and protect the baby.

Llywelyn came back after dark. He was tired and hungry. He walked straight toward the bedroom to see his son.

But he was shocked to see the scene in front of him! It was a big mess. An empty cradle lay on its side on the floor. The blankets were torn along the ground and covered with blood.



Llywelyn looked at Gelert and noticed blood on his head and all over his paws.

Llywelyn thought that Gelert had done this. Filled with sadness and anger, he drew his sword and killed the dog. But he heard the cries of a baby coming from behind the cradle. Llywelyn moved the cradle and found his son alive! Beside him lay a huge wolf. He noticed immediately that Gelert had killed the wolf as he tried to attack the baby.



Llywelyn felt guilty. He buried his dog near the river outside the castle. The tomb, which is a huge stone carved with Gelert's name still stands today.

The grave can be found in a small village called 'Beddgelert'.

Reading Comprehension Activity

1. Read the first paragraph again. Tick **correct** or **incorrect** for each sentence.

	Correct	Incorrect
Llywelyn had a dog called Gelert.		
Llywelyn lived in a castle.		
Llywelyn was a dog.		

2. Look at the text in the box.

Underline **one** word that states what Gelert was supposed to do when Llywelyn was hunting.

The baby slept peacefully in the cradle. Llywelyn decided to leave Gelert, his faithful dog at home in the castle to protect the baby.

3. Choose one word that describes Gelert.

faithful

☐

mean

☐

sensible

☐

bad

☐

4. Put the events in the correct order from **1-5**

Llywelyn came back to the castle.

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Gelert heard footsteps.

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The dog and the wolf fought with all their strength.

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Llywelyn went hunting.

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Gelert stayed to protect the baby.

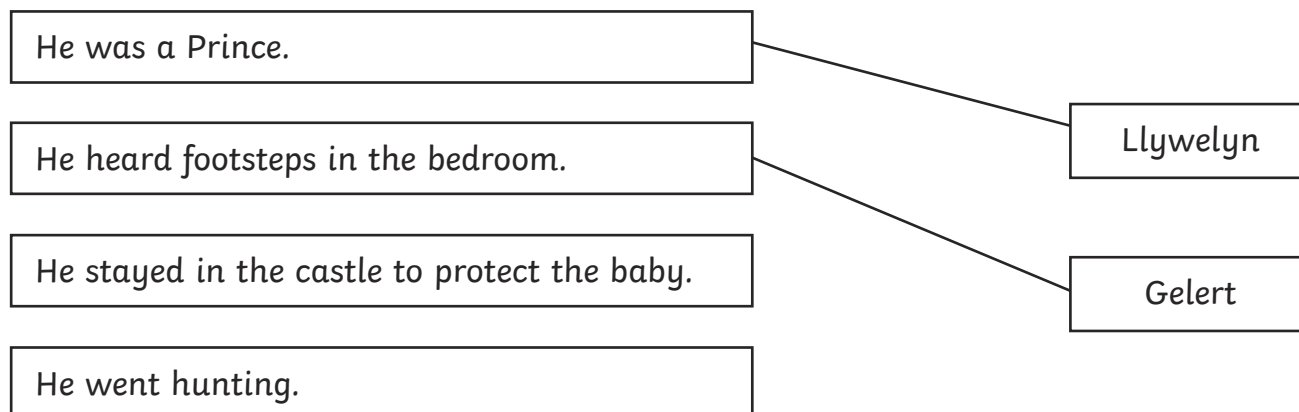
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5. Find and copy one word that describes how Llywelyn felt after seeing the mess in the room.

6. Fill in the blanks

The baby slept peacefully in the _____. Gelert heard footsteps walking around the _____. He raised his head and was shocked to see a giant _____ ready to eat the baby!

7. Draw lines to the correct character.



Reading Comprehension Activity - Answers

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Llywelyn was a dog.		✓

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The baby slept peacefully in the cradle. Llywelyn decided to leave Gelert, his faithful dog at home in the castle to **protect** the baby.

3. Choose one word that describes Gelert.

faithful

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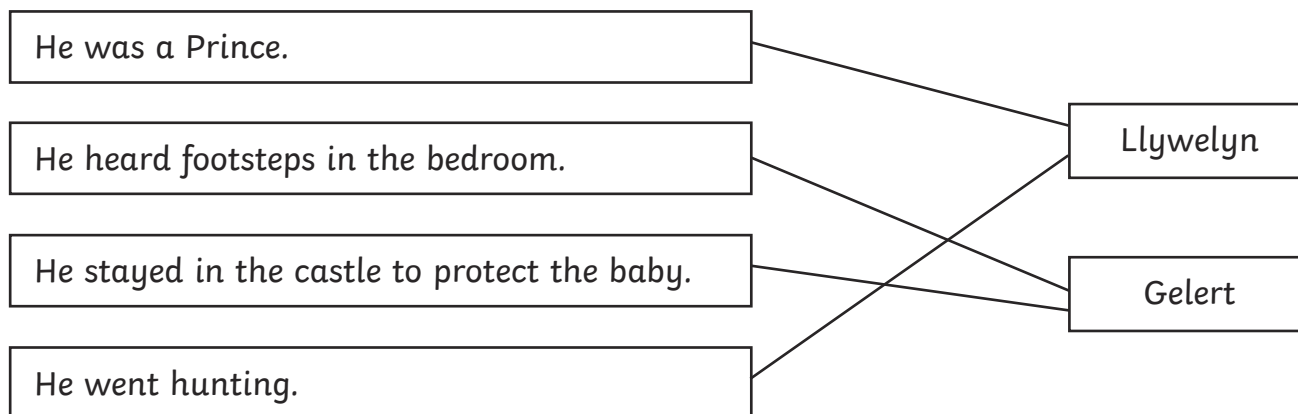
5. Find and copy one word that describes how Llywelyn felt after seeing the mess in the room.

Any of the following, shocked, sadness, anger.

6. Fill in the blanks

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7. Draw lines to the correct character.



Stori Gelert

Many years ago, in a castle far away on the rugged mountains of Snowdonia, lived Llywelyn, the Prince of Gwynedd. He was a brave and respected man. He loved going hunting with his favourite dog, called Gelert. He was an excellent hunting dog and companion as well as a loyal friend. The dog was given to him as a gift from the King of England and this was a great honour. Gelert went everywhere with Llywelyn and would never leave his side. In each hunt, Gelert led the dogs and showed courage without bounds.



Llywelyn had a baby whom he thought the world of and treasured. The baby's mother died in childbirth. The death of his wife had left him broken hearted and the baby was the only comfort he had. He looked forward to the day when his son was old enough to be able to hunt and ride with him along the dark mountains and forests in search of wolves.

One day, Llywelyn and his men were preparing to go hunting. It was rainy and foggy, but the pretty baby slept in his cradle in front of the roaring fire. Llywelyn decided to leave Gelert, his faithful and sensible dog, in the castle to protect the baby.

While the baby slept contentedly in the cradle, Gelert heard footsteps. He raised his head and was shocked to see a huge and hungry wolf was creeping towards



the baby. Gelert scrambled to his feet in order to protect the baby. The wolf and Gelert growled at each other for a long time showing their teeth. Then the two began fighting with all their strength. The wolf was ferocious and much stronger than Gelert. He held Gelert by his teeth and dragged and threw him around

the room like a doll. Gelert strove to use all strength. He was determined to be a faithful dog and protect the baby.

Llywelyn returned back after dark. He was tired and could smell the delicious feast being prepared for him from the kitchen. He walked straight towards the

bedroom to see his son and to relax in front of the fire.

But when he opened the door, he was shocked when he saw the scene in front of him! The furniture was upside down; tapestries had been ripped off the walls. An empty cradle lay on its side on the floor. The plush blanket that once covered the baby had been thrown along the ground and was covered in blood.



Llywelyn stood still in shock. He felt the wet nose of the dog nudge his hand trying to greet him. He looked down and saw the gentle eyes stare back at him with a wagging tail expecting a welcome. Llywelyn noticed the blood on Gelert's head and paws.

Llywelyn assumed that Gelert was responsible for this. Filled with sadness and grief, he drew his sword in anger. He struck Gelert with his dagger using all his strength. As the dog fell to the ground, he heard the crying sound of a baby coming from behind the cradle.

Llywelyn moved the cradle of the way and found his son alive and unharmed. Beside him lay the bloodied body of an enormous wolf. He noticed immediately that Gelert had killed the wolf as it had tried to attack the baby.

Filled with grief and repentance for his dog, he buried Gelert near the river outside the castle walls. The tomb, which is a huge stone carved with Gelert's name, still stands today.

The grave can be found in a small village called 'Beddgelert' in north-west Wales.

Reading Comprehension Activity

1. Read the first paragraph again. Tick **correct** or **incorrect** for each sentence.

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The dog was given to him as a gift from the King of England.		
Gelert led the dogs and showed courage without bounds.		
The dog was given to him as a gift from his wife.		
Gelert led the other dogs during a hunt.		

2. Look at the text in the box.

Underline two words that describes the weather when they went hunting:

One day Llywelyn and his men were preparing to go hunting. It was rainy and foggy but the pretty baby slept in his cradle in front of the roaring fire. Llywelyn decided to leave Gelert, his faithful and sensible dog home in the Castle to protect the baby.

3. Select the word / words that best match the piece read by ticking your choice every time

Gelert was:

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mean

☐

determined

☐

unthoughtful

☐

faithful

☐

4. Put the events in the correct order from 1-5

The first has been done for you.

Llywelyn was shocked when he saw the scene in front of him!

One day, Llywelyn and his men were preparing to go hunting.

Llywelyn returned after dark.

He looked down and saw the gentle eyes stare back at him with a wagging tail expecting a welcome.

He struck Gelert with his dagger using all his strength.

5. Find and copy at least 4 adjectives in the story.

6. Tick 2 correct sentences.

Llywelyn left the baby with Gelert.

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Llywelyn used his phone.

☐

Llywelyn lived on the rugged mountains of Snowdonia.

☐

Llywelyn went fishing.

☐

7. Match the sentences with the character.

He was tired and could smell the delicious feast being prepared for him in the kitchen.

Filled with sadness and grief, in anger he drew his sword.

He heard footsteps.

He was determined to protect the baby.

Llywelyn

Gelert

8. Circle the two correct answers

Llywelyn lived in:

England

Gwynedd

Snowdonia

Scotland

9. What does the author mean by writing-

Gelert led the dogs and showed courage without bounds.

Challenge

Find the location of Gwynedd on a map of Wales.

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4

He struck Gelert with his dagger using all his strength.

5

5. Find and copy at least 4 adjectives in the story.

Any 4 from: rugged, brave, respected, favourite, excellent, loyal, great, treasured, roaring, faithful, sensible, huge, hungry, fierce, empty, stronger, small.

6. Tick 2 correct sentences.

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He was a very brave dog, he lead the others and was not scared of anything.

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