

Mythical Creatures

Part A

Draw the horse with the golden mane here. Label the horse with effective words and phrases to describe the different parts of its body.

Aim to use expanded noun phrases, including some with prepositional phrases, e.g. large, shiny eyes under long, wispy eyelashes.

Use a thesaurus to help you generate more ideas.

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Part B

Draw your own mythical creature which could feature in this story. It could be a bird, a mammal, a reptile, an amphibian, an insect or a fish (or a mixture of these).

Label your creature with effective words and phrases to describe the different parts of its body. Aim to use expanded noun phrases, including some with prepositional phrases, e.g. gigantic, purple feet with talons as sharp as skewers.

Use a thesaurus to help you generate more ideas.

Challenge Task

Explain how your own made-up creature would fit into the story. Perhaps one of the other brothers could come across this creature when out looking for the firebird. Maybe the wolf and Ivan might bump into this creature on their quest. Write the section of the story where this mythical creature appears.

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Mythical Creatures Answers

Part A

Example phrases to describe the horse with the golden mane:

shiny, rich hair with curls and twists

strong, athletic legs with bulging muscles

huge, dark nostrils like tunnels

fierce eyes the colour of puddles with wrinkles around them

Part B

Example phrases to describe children's own creatures:

a sharp tongue with jagged edges jutting out from a red and wrinkled mouth

tiny, fizzing eyes with pupils the colour of a burning furnace

wings with brightly coloured scruffy feathers

Challenge Task

Example answer:

Ivan, Princess Helena and the grey wolf continued through the forest. As they reached an opening, Ivan saw a flash of purple disappearing behind a tree. He went closer to see what it was, though Princess Helena and the wolf warned him to be careful. Behind the tree, Ivan saw the strangest creature he had ever seen in his life. The face of a snake glared back at him but as he glanced downwards, he could see that the animal had the body of a bird, a large bird, about the size of a penguin but purple all over in colour.

Suddenly, the creature's tongue darted out and Ivan could see that the peachy tongue was jagged at the edges. It had tiny, fizzing eyes with pupils the colour of a burning furnace. Ivan was fascinated by the creature. Its wings were brightly coloured with scruffy feathers and it seemed to lean over to one side slightly. It didn't look entirely friendly, but Ivan made up his mind to start a conversation with it.