

Kassim and the Greedy Dragon

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Silently, he walked and he walked and he walked, until he came to a damp, dark cave. The first time Kassim looked into the cave, he glimpsed a movement in the shadows.

The second time Kassim looked into the cave, he heard a thunderous rumble. He was overcome by a blast of heat that made his skin prickle. Hesitantly, he peered into the cave a third time, and saw a pile of glittering jewels.

A moment later, Kassim crept into the darkness and took not one, not two but three huge diamonds that glowed like firelight. Unfortunately, something else was alive inside the cave. Something very large. Something very hungry. His heart pounded and he gulped loudly. Surely this wasn't the dragon's lair? It was the greedy dragon, with teeth like daggers, claws like knives and jaws of the coldest steel. It lurked in the shadows, stretched its wings and snorted its fiery breath. Kassim screamed. He ran and he ran and he ran, with the dragon raging and stomping along behind him, snorting its fiery breath. Sooner rather than later, Kassim made it home, just in the nick of time, with his coat tails singed behind him. Hidden in his clenched hands, were not one, not two but three glittering stones - like giant seeds of greed.

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Toolkit	
• Setting	• Use empty word to create tension and suspense • Short sentences.
• Isolate the character in the dark/cold	• Show not tell
• Main character sees/hears something	• Sentence of 3
Extra: Contractions in Phonics	• Warning to set the tone.
Already: dramatic openers	• Use scary sound effects or show a glimpse of something