



# The Fireboy

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## While reading

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1 **Five things are wrong in the paragraph below. Underline them and make them right.**

*The Fireboy* is a story about a young boy named Hapu and his mother, Bak. They live in Ancient Egypt. Bak has a big factory, where he and Hapu make silver tables and chairs. One day, Bak becomes ill. Hapu makes a gold bracelet for King Cleopatra because he needs money.

2 **Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**

- a Hapu lives in Ancient Greece.
- b Hapu's father has a big factory. He makes gold beds.
- c Hapu and his father are poor people.
- d Every evening, Hapu and Bak sit beside the factory.
- e Hapu's father is very tired.
- f Hapu and Bak are making a table, but Hapu becomes ill.

3 **Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.**

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| a clothes ...  | 1 You buy food here.                   |
| b guard ...    | 2 The Queen lives here.                |
| c market ...   | 3 You wear these.                      |
| d necklace ... | 4 This is long and thin.               |
| e palace ...   | 5 Hapu makes this for Queen Cleopatra. |
| f sword ...    | 6 This person looks after the Queen.   |

4 **Who's who? Write the right name.**

- a ..... has an idea to make something for a person who is rich.
- b ..... says, "It's ready!"
- c ..... talk to Hapu in the market.
- d ..... starts to walk home from the market.
- e ..... says, "Queen Cleopatra doesn't see people like you."

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5 **Choose the right words.**

- a Sweet tea is a *food* / *drink*.
- b The guards *carry* / *push* Queen Cleopatra's chair.
- c Queen Cleopatra goes to the *market* / *palace* to buy clothes.

d A *moment* / *minute* is sixty seconds.

e Hapu sees a long *line* / *chair* of people.

f Hapu stops *in front of* / *behind* the Queen.

6 **Underline the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.**

a Bak makes a sweet coffee. ....

b Hapu waits and waits. For a long time something happens. ....

c Two men carry a beautiful chair. ....

d Hapu gives the Queen's men the necklace. ....

e Queen Cleopatra likes the bracelet. ....

f Bak thinks Hapu is a bad son. ....

7 **Put the sentences in the right order.**

a The guard says, "Come with me."

b Hapu smiles. He is very happy.

c Hapu looks up at the stars.

d Cleopatra is wearing Hapu's necklace.

8 **Answer the questions.**

a Who can Hapu pay to visit his father? .....

b What is the guard carrying? .....

c What does Queen Cleopatra want to give Hapu at the palace? .....

d What does Cleopatra want Hapu to make? .....

e What two things is Hapu happy about? .....

## After reading

9 **Work with a partner. Look at the pictures in the book (not the words) and tell the story again. You tell one page of the story, your partner tells the next page, then you again, etc.**

10 **You are Hapu. You are staying at Queen Cleopatra's palace. Your father is staying at home. Write a postcard to your father about the palace and the Queen.**



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## Pages 1–7

### 1 Who says the sentences below – Hapu or Bak?

- a “One day we’re going to be very rich.” .....
- b “I want to see the Queen.” .....
- c “It’s my head.” .....
- d “I want to work but I can’t.” .....
- e “What is it, father?” .....

### 2 Match the phrases on the left with the phrases on the right.

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| a Hapu’s work is ...     | 1 under Bak’s head.  |
| b Bak is ill ...         | 2 not nice to Hapu.  |
| c The guards are ...     | 3 nice clothes.      |
| d Hapu puts his hand ... | 4 hot and very hard. |
| e The Queen has ...      | 5 for two weeks.     |

### 3 Answer the questions.

- a Where does Hapu hide the necklace when he goes to visit the Queen? .....
- b Does Hapu finish the necklace in the morning or at night? .....
- c What are Hapu and his father doing when his father becomes ill? .....
- d How many guards stop Hapu from entering the palace? .....
- e What does Bak do the day after he becomes ill? .....

### 4 Write the right words in the sentences below.

factory father ground handle  
push rich tired poor

- a Every day, Hapu ..... a long ..... up and down.
- b I work very hard. I’m always .....
- c She has a lot of money. She’s very .....
- d Hapu’s ..... works in a .....
- e I don’t have any money. I’m very .....
- f Hapu’s father is ill. He falls on the .....

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### 5 Underline the right words.

- a Hapu wakes up *early / late* to go back to the market.
- b A guard gives Hapu *a job / more money* at the palace.
- c The Queen arrives in the market. Everyone is very *loud / quiet*.
- d The Queen thinks the necklace is *beautiful / ugly*.
- e Hapu wants to give the necklace to the Queen’s *men / women*.
- f Bak is in *a chair / bed*, and Hapu shows him the money.
- g The guard says, “Now go and say *goodbye / hello* to your father.”
- h Queen Cleopatra makes Hapu *happy / sad* with her idea.

### 6 Write Hapu, Bak or Cleopatra in the sentences below.

- a ..... will get lots of beautiful things from Hapu.
- b ..... says, “Stop!”
- c ..... doesn’t want to live in the palace.
- d ..... puts one hand across his eyes.
- e ..... receives a cup of sweet tea.
- f ..... is a strong leader.
- g ..... doesn’t understand where the money came from.
- h ..... wants to pay for a doctor’s visit.

### 7 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Hapu goes to the market to see the Queen.
- b Hapu doesn’t want to live with his father.
- c Hapu sees a long line of people coming from the palace.
- d Hapu gives the necklace to a guard.
- e Hapu hears music before he sees Queen Cleopatra.
- f Hapu tells the guard that he has a job.