



The Three Billy Goats Gruff

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Useful Information

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Tales Toolkit

	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	Three Billy Goats of different sizes who are brothers		On a bridge over a river
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.
	The goats want to cross the bridge to eat the green grass, but a troll who lives under the bridge wants to eat them up!		The biggest goat knocks the troll into the river and he is never seen again.

Phrases and repeated refrains from story text

Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story

High in the mountains	Now be gone with you
hiding in the shadows	here I come to gobble you up
Who's that trip- trapping over my bridge	into the rushing river
Please don't eat me	never, ever saw that silly old troll again

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms

synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)

thistle	a plant with prickly leaves and purple flowers (nettle)
valley	low land that runs between hills or mountains (dale)
snarling	to show teeth in a threatening way (growl, bark)
meadow	A field of grass (grassland, pasture)
scurried	to move quickly (hurry, rush)
clattered	to make a loud rattling noise (clank, crash)



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