

Reading

Read the story.

Gulliver in Lilliput

Once upon a time, there lived a man called Gulliver. He loved sailing to different places and seeing the wonders of the world. However, one night there was a terrible storm at sea. The thunder roared and the wind howled. Gulliver's ship disappeared beneath the waves and everyone drowned, except for Gulliver. He swam and swam for
5 many miles. At last, he reached land and fell asleep.



When Gulliver woke up, he thought ants were running all over his body. He opened his eyes. They weren't ants but tiny people! Gulliver tried to lift his head, but he couldn't because he was tied to the ground. A man as small as Gulliver's hand shouted, 'Why are you here, you gigantic monster? Do you want to hurt us?'

10 The tiny people put Gulliver on a big wooden cart and pulled him to the King's palace. All the people of Lilliput came to see this strange sight. 'He's as tall as a mountain!' cried one man excitedly. 'His hair is like ropes!' exclaimed another.





Soon, they arrived at the palace. The King and Gulliver talked. 'Although you look scary, you're polite. I don't think you're dangerous,' said the King. 'I'll untie you if you
15 promise to help my people.' Gulliver agreed happily.

The little people built a huge house for Gulliver. Every day they brought him lots of food and water. They even made him some new clothes. His suit was as colourful as a rainbow because they had to use so many pieces of material. In return Gulliver helped the people with small jobs.



20 One day, the king of another country sent 100 ships to attack Lilliput. Boom! Bang! The ships started firing. The people in Lilliput were frightened. 'Help us, please, Gulliver!' the King begged. Gulliver got a long rope and walked into
25 the sea. He tied the ships together and pulled them round and round. After a while, everyone on board was dizzy and unable to fight.

The people of Lilliput thought Gulliver was a hero and he lived peacefully with them for
30 many years.



If you were Gulliver, would you stay in Lilliput? Why / Why not?