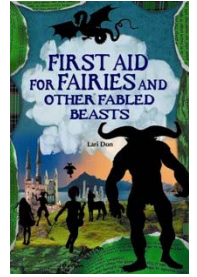


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Job Interviews

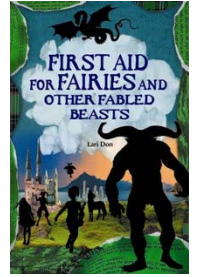
Helen's mum is a vet and had to have lots of training. Does anyone you know have an unusual job or a job that you would like to do yourself one day? Choose two people and ask them the following questions.

Questions	Interviewee One	Interviewee Two
Interviewee's Name		
Job Title:		
Qualifications:		
Did you attend college/university?		
How many years training did you need?		
What is the best part about your job?		
What is the worst part about your job?		
What would your ideal job be?		

Who do you think has the most **interesting** job and why?



Name:



Ring of Brodgar

On page 84-87 Helen finds out about the Ring of Brodgar on the island of Orkney. Read the following passage and try and answer the questions below.

5000 years ago, during the Stone Age, the Orkneys were inhabited by a resourceful and creative people. They not only farmed and fished, but built villages, had a religion and studied the movement of the sun and the moon.

The Ring of Brogar (Brodgar) once consisted of 60 stones set about 6 degrees apart. They may have been placed here to study the moon's movement or for religious ceremonies. They were used for about 1000 years.

Outside the ring are a number of burial mounds. Some were made up to a thousand years after the Ring was built. There are also a number of single standing stones thought to be connected with the study of the moon.

"Look at the Orkney Monuments", Bessacarr Prints.

1. When did the Stone Age people live on the Orkney islands?

2. What kind of jobs did they have?

3. How many stones did the Ring have?

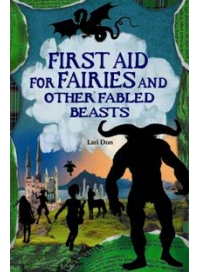
4. What were they used for and for how long?

5. What do you think burial mounds were?

Have a look at the pictures on this website: <http://canmore.rcahms.gov.uk/en/site/1696/details/ring+of+brodgar/> and draw a picture below.

Name:

Riddles



In the book Helen and her friends have to solve riddles to find the 'Book'. On page 69 Yann tells how he found a stone with words on it which said:

"I come from a gap-toothed grin in the ground, with no beginning and no end."

On page 75 they work out that the riddle refers to the stone circle.

Can you think of any other riddles?

Here are some for you to try:

Now try making some of your own:
Try drawing a picture of one of your answers.

I have a face in all shapes and sizes
I can have two or three hands,
What am I?

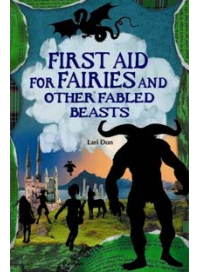
I have two banks, but I don't have any money
What am I?

I have two legs,
But I cannot walk
What am I?

I come from far away,
But I can be very near
What am I?

Name:

First Aid



The title of the book 'First Aid for Fairies and other Fabled Beasts' gives a big clue to what the book is about.

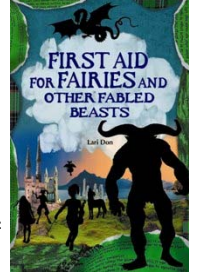
Can you find two scenes in the book when Helen saves one of her fabled friends and describe them in your own words. Include the fairy's or beast's name and what was wrong with them and how Helen helped them.

Scene One

Scene Two

Have you or anyone you know helped someone when they hurt themselves? What happened and what did you/they do?

Name: _____



Music

Throughout the book we learn that Helen is a keen violinist and she is trying to compose a piece of music for a concert. On page 52 Rona tells Helen that she is training to be a singer and that she writes her own songs.

Are you or anyone in your family musical? What instrument do you or they play? Write down a few sentences about playing instruments.

Can you find the meaning of the following musical words?

Ballad - _____

Sea Shanty - _____

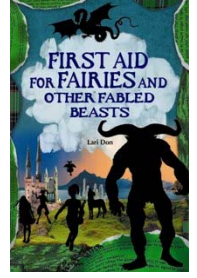
Battle song - _____

Melody - _____

What is your favourite song and why do you like it so much?

Name: _____

Questions



The fabled beasts have lost the 'Book' which has all the answers to all the questions they would ever want to know (p71). They are worried that if it falls into the hands (or hooves) of the Master of the Maze minotaur that he will ask it questions that will have awful answers.

Can you think of three questions you would want to ask the 'Book'?

1. _____

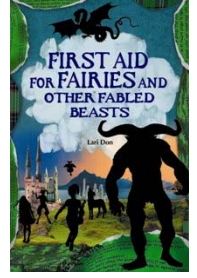
2. _____

3. _____

What would you do to prevent the Master of the Maze getting hold of the book and trying to take over the fabled beasts?

Name:

Master of the Maze



Throughout the book we meet the Master of the Maze and his followers who are out to find the 'Book' and harm the fabled beast friends.

Can you answer the questions about them below?

1. What did the Master of the Maze do years ago that got him cast out from the community of fabled beasts?

2. What types of beasts does the Master want to make more of?

3. Which animal was the Master using to guard the dragon's cave?

4. What kind of birds attacked the friends on Orkney?

5. What was the name of the Master's helper and what kind of beast was he?

6. Where did the Master come from when the friends first met him?

7. What did the Master want Helen to do for him?

8. What did he have that belonged to Helen's sister Nicola?

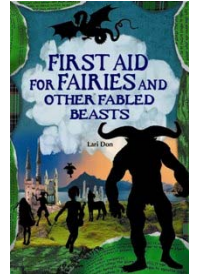
9. Describe the Master's eyes in your own words.

10. Whose magic found the Master?



Name:

Character



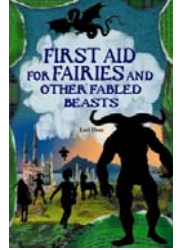
Complete the following grid for one of the characters whilst reading the book.

Name of character:

Description (What they look like and personality)	
Relationship with other characters	
List the situations they find themselves in	
What happens to them at the end?	
Other Comments	

Name:

Lari Don



'First Aid for Fairies and other Fabled Beasts' is Lari Don's first book for children. Look at her page on the Scottish Book Trust website: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/contacts/lari-don> and answer the questions below.

1. What did Lari do with stories when she was a child?

2. What did her job involve before she became an author?

3. Which award did she win?

4. Where did she used to work?

5. What kind of stories does she like to tell P7s?

6. How does she use the fabled beasts in her book to help children with their own story writing?

Now look at Lari's own website and answer the questions below: <http://www.laridon.co.uk/>

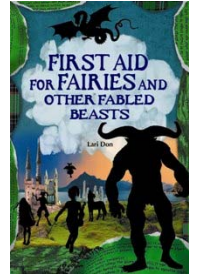
7. Name Lari's next two books to be published.

9. What kind of workshops does Lari run?

9. Can you think of two questions you would like to ask Lari about 'First Aid for Fairies and other Fabled Beasts'?

Name:

Score the Book



Please circle your score and add to get your total.

STORY

Original idea	5	4	3	2	1
Action	5	4	3	2	1
Gripping	5	4	3	2	1
Involves the reader	5	4	3	2	1
Appeal to target audience	5	4	3	2	1
Credible ending	5	4	3	2	1

CHARACTERS

Believability	5	4	3	2	1
Consistency	5	4	3	2	1
Emotions	5	4	3	2	1
Reactions	5	4	3	2	1
Interactions with each other	5	4	3	2	1

STYLE

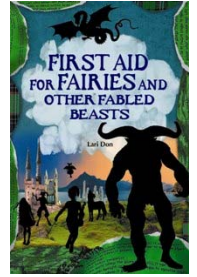
Readability	5	4	3	2	1
Atmosphere	5	4	3	2	1
Pace	5	4	3	2	1
Descriptions	5	4	3	2	1
Dialogues	5	4	3	2	1

TOTAL SCORE/80



Name:

Should this Book get My Vote?



Now that you have finished reading 'First Aid for Fairies and other Fabled Beasts' it is important to think about the book as a whole and to decide whether or not you should vote for the book. Answer the following questions to help you.

Did you believe in the conversations that the characters were having with one another?

Did the story build up slowly or dive into the action?

Were you able to guess what happened next in the story?

Did you expect the ending? Did it tie up all the loose ends?

What have you learnt from the book?

Would you recommend this book to anyone your own age?

