

L.O. To write in the present tense

Re-write this short extract from *George and the Dragon* from past to present tense.

Remember that it is the verbs that usually change- some are underlined for you at the start, but you will need to find the rest yourself.

Seeing as George was a very brave man, he spurred on his noble steed who galloped the whole way to the valley the dragon inhabited.

George crept into the cave- suddenly he heard a roar louder than thunder however he was not afraid. He pulled out his spear, ready to pierce the dragon through its heart.

Suddenly, the dragon charged towards George, his spear immediately shattered into a thousand pieces as it touched the indestructible scales of the deadly brute.

George rolled under an enchanted orange tree (where poison cannot prevail) where he soon recovered enough to take on the beast once more.

Slowly, he stood up onto his two strong, sturdy legs and ran towards the dragon. This time, with his gleaming sword clutched in his hand.

The dragon dripped foul smelling, bright green poison (from his nose!) onto the armour of St George. Almost instantly, the armour broke into two! Now George had no armour and only a tiny, gleaming sword for protection- he knew he was running out of time and chances.

He gathered up all his courage, took a large, deep breath and charged towards the immense beast once more. Dodging his swishing tail and fiery breath, he smote the dragon under the wing (where there are no scales) and his sword pierced through his green, scaly skin.

Almost in slow motion, the gargantuan being fell the ground with thud that reverberated through the land. George dove out of the way. He had done it- he had slew the dragon.