

Talk for Writing Home-school booklet

The Truth about Trolls

by Dean Thompson



© Copyright of Dean Thompson and Talk for Writing 2020.
No part of this publication should be placed online, shared or reproduced without permission.
www.talk4writing.com

Introduction



There are many stories that have trolls in them. Trolls, like dragons, giants and unicorns, have been talked and written about for hundreds of years. One very well-known story, I am sure you will know, is about a very angry troll that tried to stop goats going over a bridge to feed on the rich, green grass.

But is this what all trolls are really like?

The information that follows has been written by Professor Folklore, an expert on Trolls from the University of Myth and Legend.

He provides some basic information on these strange, often misunderstood mythical creatures. You can decide what you think maybe true and what needs more research to establish the truth.

Professor Folklore needs other experts to write more about trolls so that the 'truth' can be shared across the world. He wondered whether you could also become an expert on trolls. Can you dream up some of your own interesting and amazing information to set the record straight and not let trolls just be known as nasty, mean creatures?

You can listen to a recording of the story of The Truth about Trolls text below here:
<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/trolls/s-7815f2MesfN>

The Truth about Trolls

Many people believe trolls are angry, **mean** beasts that **terrify** goats and people. However, this is not true. Here is the truth about trolls.

What do trolls look like?

Like the **ogre**, trolls are huge. They look **fierce** and ugly but to another troll they are kind and beautiful. The adult troll has small, beady eyes, a **bulbous, warty** nose and sharp, yellow teeth. Most trolls have long, curly horns on their heads similar to a goat. Interestingly, a few trolls do not have any horns at all. No one knows why.



Where do trolls live?

Trolls are usually found in very cold countries like Iceland. They make their homes in caves near volcanoes which provide both warmth and **shelter**. They live **peacefully** in small family groups, hidden away from people. One troll, who was very grumpy, lived alone under a wooden bridge. Because he **bullied** the local goats, he gave all trolls a very bad name.



Photo by Michael Behrens on Unsplash

What do trolls eat?

Trolls enjoy eating all types of seafood. Trolls fish in total darkness so that they are not seen by anyone. They mostly eat their food **raw**. Sometimes, when the volcanoes have erupted, they cook their food on the hot rocks. In addition, they **gather** large mushrooms and dig up juicy roots that grow in the forest. Surprisingly, goats are not on the menu!

Did you know?

Amazingly, trolls like to have fun. They love singing and dancing. When they sing, it sounds like a rumble of thunder. When they dance, it feels like an earthquake. Sadly, because of the troll that upset the goats, all trolls now hide away from view.

They can still be seen, though, if you look really hard and believe. The rocks here are actually just sleeping trolls!



Professor Folklore
'Friend of the Troll'

© Dean Thompson 2020

Task

Read the information about trolls again. Then look for the words below in the text. Find out what they mean. Can you match them up with a similar word from the bottom of the page? Are there any other unfamiliar words that you read? Look these up too.

Can you order these words alphabetically?

Target Word	Definition that fits with the information text
mean	
terrify	
ogre	
fierce	
bulbous	
warty	
shelter	
peacefully	
bullied	
raw	
gather	

Similar Words Help Box

scare uncooked collect quietly (not at war) nasty home
big and swollen lumpy angry giant frightened