

Passage B

A poor woodcutter and his wife lived in a hut in a forest. They had a son who never grew bigger than his father's thumb so they named him Tom Thumb.

One morning, Tom Thumb sat on a stool outside his hut to enjoy his food. A bird flew by and picked him up with its beak. Then, it dropped him into the sea. Tom Thumb struggled in the water as he did not know to swim. He was scared. As he was about to drown, a huge fish swallowed him up! A fisherman then caught the fish and brought it home.

Tom Thumb tried to get out of the fish but he could not. While the fisherman was cleaning the fish, he heard someone shouting for help. He realised the sound came from the fish. He used a knife to cut open the fish. Tom Thumb jumped out and thanked the fisherman for saving.

Adapted from Tom Thumb by the Grimm Brothers

6 Where did Tom Thumb live?

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7 Why was Tom Thumb scared when he was in the sea?

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8 Write the word from Paragraph 2 that has the same meaning as the word "big".

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