

The mysterious green children of Woolpit

Do you know any English folk stories? (*Yes, I know... / No, I don't think so.*)

Vocabulary

1. cattle 2. weird 3. faded 4. appeared 5. raw 6. tale 7. village

True Story

In the 12th century, something strange happened in the English _____ of Woolpit. Two children, a boy and a girl, _____ near a field. They wore _____ clothes, spoke a language nobody understood, and their skin was green. They only ate _____ beans at first, but as time went on, they started eating other foods, and their green skin _____. Sadly, the boy became sick and died.

The girl, however, grew up, learned English and told her story. She said they came from a dark, green place. They heard a loud noise while looking after their father's _____, and then they were in Woolpit. The villagers didn't know if they should believe her, but the _____ of the green children has been told for hundreds of years. It's one of the most mysterious stories in English history.

Quiz

1. What did the children eat at first?
2. What language did the children speak?
3. Where did the children come from?

True or False

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| 1. Something strange happened in the 21st century. | True False |
| 2. The children appeared near a field. | True False |
| 3. The girl grew up and became a famous writer. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Hey, did you hear about those green kids that showed up in Woolpit?
B: Yeah, I heard they spoke a weird dialect that nobody could understand.
A: I wonder where they came from.
B: The girl said they came from a dark, green place.
A: That's so strange. And they only ate beans.

Discussion

1. Do you believe the story of the green children?
2. If you could time travel, which time period would you visit?
3. Have you ever seen something mysterious or unexplained?
4. What's the strangest food you have ever eaten?