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## Merlin's Dragon



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## A dragon sleeps here

‘I see Snowdon!’ says Parker. ‘That mountain – it’s Snowdon!’

Parker is with his family. They’re driving in Snowdonia, a national park in Wales. It’s a warm, sunny day in April. They are going to be in Snowdonia for three days.

‘Oh yes! I see it too!’ says his sister, Olivia. Parker is fourteen and Olivia is sixteen. ‘Snowdon is 1085 metres tall.’ Olivia is reading from a book, *Walking in Snowdonia National Park*.

‘We’ll be at Dinas Emrys in five minutes,’ says their father, Frank. Frank is looking at a map of the national park.

‘Good,’ says their mother, Chris. She’s driving. ‘We can have lunch there.’

Parker’s parents are archaeologists. Dinas Emrys is an ancient fort. Chris and Frank are going to work there.

‘There’s the car park,’ says Frank.

Soon, the family are walking on the path to the fort. They all have their lunches in their backpacks. The path goes up ancient stone steps and through a big forest.

‘There’s a story in my book about this place, about Dinas Emrys,’ says Parker. He takes a small book out of his backpack. ‘The story is about Merlin, King Arthur’s wizard. I love stories about Merlin and King Arthur. And I love stories about magic and dragons.’

‘We know that!’ says his mother.

Parker tells Olivia, 'Emrys is Merlin's other name.'

Frank says, 'And Dinas means fort.'

Olivia says, 'So, Dinas Emrys is ... the fort of Merlin!'

'It's good to be here,' says Parker. He looks up at Snowdon. 'Merlin's asleep up there. I know he is.'

'That's what the old stories say,' says his father.

They walk across a small bridge. There are two paths ahead of them.

'Where do we go now?' Chris asks.

Olivia looks at a map in her book. 'That way.'

They walk for thirty minutes. The path goes up a hill. They climb over a stone wall.

'We're here!' says Chris.

'Where's the fort?' asks Parker.

'This is it,' Frank answers. 'Look at these stones. Mum and I are going to photograph these ancient walls and stones.'

The family walk over and look at the ancient stones. They sit and eat their lunch.

'Wow, look at the view!' says Parker. 'It's a great place for a fort.'

They are at the top of a large hill. They can see mountains, fields, forests and a big lake.

Chris says, 'We're here! At Vortigern's fort.' She looks at Frank and smiles.

'Who is Vortigern?' Olivia asks.

'Ah! I know who he is,' says Parker. 'Vortigern is in my book. He's the king. At the start of the story, King Vortigern builds a fort. But the walls of his fort fall down every night. Vortigern must stop the walls from falling down. He asks his wizard for help. A lot of people are looking at the

# Activities

## Chapter 1

### Before you read

A. Look at the map on pages 4 and 5. Circle the correct answers.

- Where is the youth hostel?  
a. on a mountain b. near a lake c. beside a railway line
- From the youth hostel, where does the path go?  
a. to Snowdon b. to Y Lliwedd c. to the lake called Llydaw

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.  
ancient dragon map fort

- On the hill there is an old \_\_\_\_\_ with high walls.
- This town is \_\_\_\_\_. It's 2000 years old!
- Where are we? Let's look at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm reading a story about a \_\_\_\_\_. It can fly, and fire comes from its mouth!

C. Listen to Track 3 and answer these questions.

- Where is Snowdonia National Park?  
a. in Scotland b. in Wales
- How long will Parker's family be in Snowdonia?  
a. for three days b. for fourteen days
- How tall is Snowdon?  
a. 1085 metres b. 1850 metres

### After you read

#### COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

- Frank and Chris both have the same job. What are they?  
a. teachers b. archaeologists c. writers
- What are Frank and Chris going to do in Snowdonia?  
a. climb a mountain b. visit friends c. work at a fort
- What is Dinas Emrys?  
a. a village b. an ancient fort c. a mountain
- Where does the path to Dinas Emrys go?  
a. through a forest b. beside a lake c. across a field

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