

## Comprehension Word Meaning

The extract on the next two pages is taken from *The Legend of Podkin One-Ear* by Kieran Larwood.

Please read carefully and then answer the questions.



### The Legend of Podkin One-Ear

*Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch* go the footsteps of the trackmaker. He is hunched and weary, using a tall staff to help him through the snow. He might have been an old man, if it hadn't been many hundreds of moons since men trod these lands. Move closer and instead you will see he is a rabbit walking upright in the way men once did, his ears hidden beneath the hood of a heavy cloak, fierce eyes peering out at the wintry midnight world.

The thick fur on his face and arms is dyed with blue swirls and patterns, which marks him out as a bard. A travelling, storytelling rabbit. A wanderer

with nothing on his back but a set of travel-worn clothes and a head stuffed full of tales and yarns: old, new, broken and mended. Just about every story you ever heard, and many more yet to be told.

Don't worry about him being out in the cold on such a wintry night. His trade will see him welcomed in any warren. That is the tradition and the law throughout all of the Five Realms of Lanica, and woe betide anyone who doesn't keep it.

*Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch.* His breath steams out behind him as he forces his way through the snow. Listen closer and you can hear him mumbling curses with each hardfought step. Closer still and you can hear the strings of wooden beads around his neck clicking and clacking. The bone trinkets and pouches around his belt knocking and niggling.

## The Legend of Podkin One-Ear

Using the text on the previous 2 slides, answer the following questions.

1. Which word has the closest meaning to hunched?

weary      tired      curled      old

2. Write a synonym for trod.

3. Which word could the writer have used to replace wanderer on slide 1?

4. What does the word **betide** mean in this sentence?

*That is the tradition and the law throughout all of the Five Realms of Lanica, and woe betide anyone who doesn't keep it*

5. **Find** and **copy** a word which means the same as achieved with great effort.

6. Explain the meaning of the word trinkets at the bottom of slide 2.