

# Lockdown Tales Activities



## The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle

A folk tale

Adapted and read for Wonderful Beast's Lockdown Tales by Hilary Greatorex, with original music by Sylvia Hallett.



Hilary Greatorex reading for Lockdown Tales

Can you pretend to be all the different characters in the story?

Can you make the old woman's **sour** face? Pretend to put on her shoes and do a **sour** dance around the room.

And what about the fairy who gets more and more **disappointed** and **cross** with the old woman, because she quite forgot to thank her...? How might she look, or dance?

Do you think the old woman deserved to go back in her bottle?

What would be **your dream home**? A castle? Tent? Treehouse? Lighthouse?

**Draw a picture** of it, and **write a poem** or a **story** about it. Each line of the poem could start off with 'I wish'.

You could **include a colour** in each line as well, like 'I wish I could live in a **yellow** submarine' or 'I wish I could live on a **purple** planet'.

### My Dream Home

*I wish I could live in...  
I wish it was...  
I wish...(and so on)*

**Make** a '**wish fish**' using a cardboard cut-out, paints, or collage. Stick a wooden spoon to the back and use it like a puppet to **retell the story** your way.

If you haven't had enough of vinegar bottles, you can hear the original English folktale 'The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle', read by actor Judy Campbell in our sister podcast **Stories from the Archives**.

How is it different from the two versions in **Lockdown Tales**? Try **writing a comparison** of the three.

<https://tinyurl.com/judycampbellvinegarbottle>

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