

Knight Survival Guide: Are You Tough Enough? by Anna Claybourne

Tough stuff

Being a knight is GREAT! You can fight in battles and go on big adventures – you even have your own horse!

Are you tough enough?

Being a knight is fun, but it's not an easy ride. You must be strong, tough and very brave. Knights wear a lot of armour.

Heavy armour

A knight's armour was very heavy, so the horses they rode had to be super-strong.

In training

You will start training to be a knight when you are seven years old. You will be sent to work in a lord's castle as a page.

A tough job

Life as a page is hard work. You must:

1. Take messages for your lord.
2. Learn good manners.
3. Tidy up after your lord and keep his rooms clean.
4. You will learn how to ride and fight.

Becoming a squire

At 14 years old, a page became a squire. Then he helped a knight with his horse and armour.

Into battle

Squires went into battle with their knight and fought by his side.

Fighting talk

A knight's main job is to fight, so you will need top sword skills to beat your enemy. You will also need to train for battle.

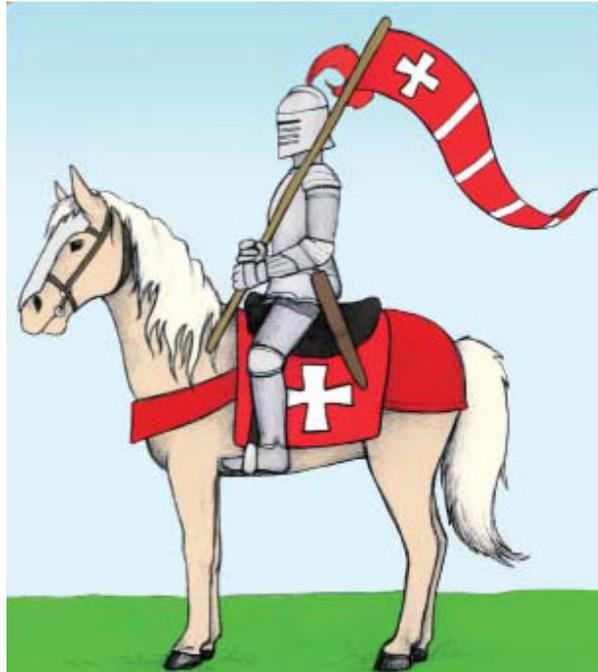
Take that!

You will fight with a heavy sword. If you can lift it:

1. Swing it from side to side.
2. Use it to slash and bash!

Sticky head

If a knight hurt his head, his hair was shaved off, and his head was covered in oil, honey and roses.



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1 Why do you think the author writes “*Are you tough enough?*” (paragraph 2) as a question?

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 1 mark

2 “*Being a knight is fun, but it’s not an easy ride.*”
 In this sentence, “*it’s not an easy ride*” is closest in meaning to which option?
 Choose **one**.

You have to be a good horse-rider.

The horses are difficult to handle.

You hurt yourself if you fall off.

It is a hard job to do.

2a

 1 mark

3 You need to be strong to be a knight!
 Which **two** things are particularly heavy?

2b

 1 mark

4 It takes a long time to learn to be a knight.
 Number the training stages to show the order in which you do them.

knight

page

squire

2c

 1 mark

5 Would you be good at being a page?

Yes No

Why do you think this? Use ideas from the text in your answer.

2d

 1 mark

6 Why do you think this book is called Knight Survival Guide? Refer to **two** ideas in the text in your answer.

2e

 2 marks