

# Monday

## L.O: To identify and retrieve character descriptions

### Task 1

- Read chapter one which introduces the three farmers: Boggis, Bunce and Bean.

### **Support**

If you wish you can listen to the audio book (link below) and follow the text with your finger.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcqTCU4AA+I>

### Task 2

- Underline any words in the text which describe the characters. Use a different colour for each farmer. Sometimes you might need to underline a word in all 3 colours because it describes them all.

### Task 3

- Complete the activity sheet [Who is who?](#) Using the information you have read, can you work out which picture is which farmer?

### Challenge

The book's name *Fantastic Mr Fox* is alliterative (uses the same letter at the beginning of the words for effect). Can you give the farmers an alliterative name?

## Task 1 and 2

Key (Choose your colours)

Boggis  Bruce  Bean

### Chapter One - The Three Farmers

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Bunce was a duck-and-geese farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. He was a kind of pot-bellied dwarf. He was so short his chin would have been underwater in the shallow end of any swimming-pool in the world. His food was doughnuts and goose-livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. This diet gave him a tummy-ache and a beastly temper.

Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer. He kept thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. He was as thin as a pencil and the cleverest of them all.

'Boggis and Bunce and Bean

One fat, one short, one lean.

These horrible crooks

So different in looks

Were none the less equally mean.'

That is what the children round about used to sing when they saw them.

## Answers (For parents)

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### Task 3 - Who is who?

			
<b>Name</b> (Is it Borris, Bunce or Bean?)			
<b>Type of farmer</b> (What type of farmer are they?)			
<b>Evidence</b>	I know this is _____ because he is	I know this is _____ because he is	I know this is _____ because he is
<b>Challenge</b> (Alliterative name)			

Check you have capital letters for names.