

# The Princess and the Pea

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He looked far and wide but he did not find a princess. The prince went back to the castle. He felt sad.

One night, there was a big storm. A very wet princess banged on the door. "I am a princess. Please can I come in?" she asked.

Queen Hanna let her in. Queen Hanna wanted to know if she was a real princess. She put 20 mattresses on the princess's bed and hid a pea under them.

That night, the princess slept in the bed. She found the bed very lumpy and she did not sleep well at all.

Queen Hanna knew that the princess was a real princess because she had felt the pea.

The prince and the princess got married. They lived happily ever after.



# Questions

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  - a princess
  - a new home
2. **He felt sad.**  
Tick one word that means the same as **sad**.
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  - upset
  - good
3. What did The Queen hide in the bed? Tick one.
  - a bone
  - a frog
  - a pea
4. Why didn't the princess sleep well? Tick one.
  - because she felt the pea
  - because she had a crown
  - because she was very hot
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He searched far and wide for many months but he could not find a real princess. The prince went back to the castle feeling lonely and upset.

That night, there was a giant storm. A very wet and miserable princess banged on the castle door. "I am a princess. I am wet and I am a long way from home. Please can I come in?" she sobbed.

Queen Hanna let her in. She wanted to know if the princess was a real princess. Queen Hanna put 20 soft mattresses and fluffy quilts on the princess's bed. She hid a tiny, green pea under them all.

The princess slept in the bed. She found the bed very uncomfortable and she did not sleep well at all.

The next morning, Queen Hanna asked the princess if she had slept well. "No," said the princess. "I did not sleep well because the bed was very uncomfortable."

Queen Hanna knew that the princess must be a real princess because she had felt the tiny pea through all of the mattresses and quilts. She told the prince the good news.

The prince and the princess got married and they lived happily ever after.



# Questions

1. Why was the prince lonely at the beginning of the story? Tick one.

- because there was a storm
- because he couldn't find a princess to marry
- because he lived in a big castle

2. **“Please can I come in?” she sobbed.**

What does the word **sobbed** mean? Tick one.

- cried
- jumped
- asked

3. Draw three lines to complete the sentences. The first one has been done for you.

Queen Hanna put a	because of the pea.
The princess was	pea in the bed.
The prince	wet from the storm.
The princess slept badly	wanted to marry a real princess.

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**Accept either 'tiny' or 'green'.**

# The Princess and the Pea

Once upon a time, there lived a handsome prince. He really wanted to marry a true princess.

He travelled far and wide for many months. He searched hard but he could not find a true princess. The prince returned home to the castle. He felt lonely and disappointed. His mum, Queen Hanna, was upset to see her son feeling so unhappy.

That night, there was a fierce thunderstorm and the wind roared around the castle. A damp, miserable princess knocked on the huge castle door. "I am a princess. I'm drenched and I'm a long way from home. Please can I come in?" she sobbed.

Queen Hanna allowed her in. "We will find out if she is a true princess," Queen Hanna whispered to the prince.

Queen Hanna put 20 soft mattresses and fluffy quilts on the princess's bed. She secretly hid a tiny, green pea beneath them all. Queen Hanna showed the princess to her room.

The next morning, Queen Hanna asked the princess if she had slept well. "No," yawned the princess. "I didn't sleep well at all because the bed was very uncomfortable."

At once, Queen Hanna and the prince knew that the princess was a true princess because she had felt the tiny pea through all of the mattresses and quilts.

The prince and the princess got married and people came from miles around to see the happy couple. The tiny, green pea was kept in a glass case at the royal museum for all to see.



# Questions

1. **He really wanted to marry a true princess.**

This means that the princess must be... Tick one.

- fake  
 real  
 new

2. **I'm drenched and I'm a long way from home.**

What does the word **drenched** mean?

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3. Fill in the missing word.

Queen Hanna put 20 soft mattresses and fluffy \_\_\_\_\_ on the princess's bed.

4. **"No," yawned the princess.**

Why did the princess yawn?

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5. Explain how Queen Hanna and the prince knew that the princess was a true princess.

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6. Draw **three** lines to join each person to the word used to describe them in the text.

Queen Hanna
the princess
the prince

handsome
upset
drenched

# Answers

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- fake  
 **real**  
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2. **I'm drenched and I'm a long way from home.**

What does the word **drenched** mean?

**Accept any reasonable definition of the word 'drenched', such as:  
Drenched means very wet.**

3. Fill in the missing word.

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Why did the princess yawn?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The princess yawned because she had not slept well and she was tired.**

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