

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read ‘The Princess and the Pea’ by Hans Christian Anderson

- Read the story in your head and then practise reading it out loud. Can you read with good expression?

2. Answer Princess and the Pea Questions

- Read the ten [Princess and the Pea Questions](#) and then write a sentence answer for each one.

Brilliant! Well done. Work with a grown-up to check the answers.

Discuss any wrong answers. Can you see what went wrong?

3. Make a storyboard

- Use the [Storyboard](#) to make a version of the story in six parts. Use a mixture of words and drawings to tell the story.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Find someone to read the story to – read it to them with good expression.
- Watch these two versions of the story. What is different in the second version? Which of the two versions do you prefer?

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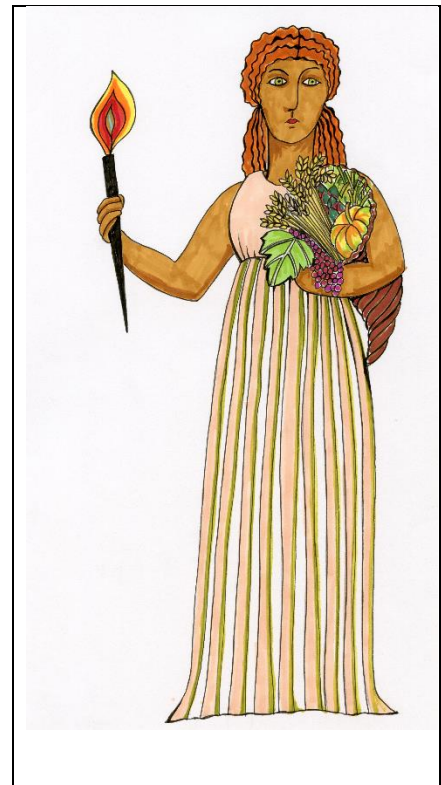
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The Princess and the Pea by Hans Christian Anderson

Once upon a time there was a prince who wanted to marry a princess; but she would have to be a real princess. He travelled all over the world to find one, but nowhere could he get what he wanted. There were princesses enough, but it was difficult to find out whether they were real ones. There was always something about them that was not as it should be. So he came home again and was sad, for he would have liked very much to have a real princess.

One evening a terrible storm came on; there was thunder and lightning, and the rain poured down in torrents. Suddenly a knocking was heard at the city gate, and the old king went to open it.

It was a princess standing out there in front of the gate. But, good gracious! what a sight the rain and the wind had made her look. The water ran down from her hair and clothes; it ran down into the toes of her



shoes and out again at the heels. And yet she said that she was a real princess.

“Well, we’ll soon find that out,” thought the old queen. But she said nothing, went into the bed-room, took all the bedding off the bedstead, and laid a pea on the bottom; then she took twenty

mattresses and laid them on the pea, and then twenty eider-down beds on top of the mattresses.

On this the princess had to lie all night. In the morning she was asked how she had slept.

“Oh, very badly!” said she. “I have scarcely closed my eyes all night. Heaven only knows what was in the bed, but I was lying on something hard, so that I am black and blue all over my body. It’s horrible!”

Now they knew that she was a real princess because she had felt the pea right through the twenty mattresses and the twenty eider-down beds.

Nobody but a real princess could be as sensitive as that.

So the prince took her for his wife, for now he knew that he had a real princess; and the pea was put in the museum, where it may still be seen, if no one has stolen it.

There, that is a true story.



Princess and Pea Questions

1. What had the prince done to find a princess?
2. Why was the prince left sad?
3. What phrases show how bad the storm was?
4. Where was the knocking sound heard?
5. Why wasn't the king sure that this was a real princess?
6. What test did the queen set up?
7. What did the princess say that made the others sure that she was a princess?
8. What happened to the prince?
9. What happened to the pea?
10. Do you think this is really a true story? Why/why not?

Storyboard

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The Princess and the Pea – Possible Answers

1. What had the prince done to find a princess?

The prince had travelled all over the world to find a princess.

2. Why was the prince left sad?

The prince was sad because he couldn't find a princess and he wanted to very much.

3. What phrases show how bad the storm was?

The phrase 'poured down in torrents' show how bad the storm was.

4. Where was the knocking sound heard?

The knocking sound was heard at the city gate.

5. Why wasn't the king sure that this was a real princess?

The king was not sure that she was a real princess because of the way that she looked.

6. What test did the queen set up?

The queen hid a single pea under many mattresses and eider-down beds.

7. What did the princess say that made the others sure that she was a princess?

The princess said that she had not slept well, because something was making her uncomfortable.

8. What happened to the prince?

He married the princess.

9. What happened to the pea?

It got put into a museum.

10. Do you think this is really a true story? Why/why not?

Even though it says that it is a true story, this story has no names or dates, so I do not think it is really true.