

Alpha Level 4

# The Real Princess



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## Word Study

**A** Write the word that matches the meaning.

absolute    disgrace    give up    narrator    scene    servant    shelter    soggy

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ a part of events in a movie, play or book
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ a person who tells a story with a voice
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ a person who works at other people's home
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ lose hope and stop trying
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ stay somewhere away from bad weather or danger
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ unpleasantly wet
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ real, total, complete
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ something bad or wrong, not proper

**B** Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

knock  
keep  
mattress  
pile  
searching  
sensitive

1. A prince was \_\_\_\_\_ for a real princess to be his wife.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ princess can feel the softest feather.
3. I mustn't give up and \_\_\_\_\_ on looking for a real princess.
4. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ at the door.
5. Let's put lots of \_\_\_\_\_ es on top of the pea.
6. The King and Queen \_\_\_\_\_ d the mattresses high on the bed.

## Word Study

**C** Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

at for if in out to

- 1) Once upon a time, a prince was **searching** \_\_\_\_\_ a real princess.
- 2) "Can I **come** \_\_\_\_\_ to shelter from the storm?"
- 3) "You will **have** \_\_\_\_\_ stay here tonight. You can't go back to the storm."
- 4) "Let's **find** \_\_\_\_\_ if she's a real princess."
- 5) "\_\_\_\_\_ she is a real princess, she will smell the pea and feel it."
- 6) "A real princess? \_\_\_\_\_ **last**, I have found you."

**D** Complete the box. Then fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

The '**antonym**' of a word means a word which means the 'opposite'.

high - _____	near - _____	soft - _____
terrible - _____	day - _____	soggy - _____

dry far hard low night wonderful

- 1) I've searched for a real princess high and \_\_\_\_\_, near and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Your hair is a mess and your clothes are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) There was something \_\_\_\_\_ in the bed and there was also a \_\_\_\_\_ smell in the room
- 4) It's \_\_\_\_\_ news! It's just what I wanted to hear!

## Comprehension

### A Answer the following questions.

1. What is the story about?
  - a) A stormy night
  - b) A kind, royal family
  - c) A smelly, old pea
  - d) Looking for a real princess
2. How does the princess look at the stormy night? (pp. 6-7)
  - a) She looks messy with soggy clothes.
  - b) She looks beautiful with dirty shoes.
  - c) She looks sensitive.
3. What is 'scene2' about? (pp. 6-10)
  - a) The prince is searching for a real princess and it's very hard.
  - b) The princess turned out to be real.
  - c) The King and Queen put 10 mattresses on top of a pea to test the princess.
4. What does 'I didn't sleep a wink' mean? (pg. 12)
  - a) I couldn't sleep at all.
  - b) I slept with one eye open and the other eye closed.
  - c) I slept for a short time.
5. Was the princess happy to be asked to marry the prince? (pg.16)
  - a) Yes, she was very happy.
  - b) No, she wasn't. She was not sure if the prince was real or not.
  - c) We don't know the answer.

### B Read and mark the right answer and write it in the blank.

6. A prince was searching for a real princess to be his \_\_\_\_\_.  
**wife / friend**
7. If she can feel and smell the pea, it means she is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**beautiful / sensitive**
8. I had a \_\_\_\_\_ night. I didn't sleep a wink.  
**terrible/ wonderful**
9. There was something \_\_\_\_\_ in the bed. It kept me awake all night.  
**hard/ soft**
10. The princess was very tired, and \_\_\_\_\_ all over.  
**black and white/ black and blue**

# Comprehension

## C Making a Story Map

Fill the story map by writing key words and phrase.

<b>Characters</b>	Narrator Prince, _____, King, Queen, _____
<b>Scene 1</b> Once upon a time	Prince is looking for a _____ princess. A real princess is very beautiful and very _____. It's so _____ to find a real princess.
<b>Scene 2</b> One stormy night	Princess visits on a day of _____ storm. She is _____ and _____. Her shoes are a disgrace. Queen puts a _____ old pea under the mattress and piles the mattresses _____ on the bed.
<b>Scene 3</b> The next morning	Princess can't sleep because of the _____. Prince is _____ to find a real princess and propose. Princess is not sure if Prince is a real one or not!

### Expressions

happy hard high pea princess messy  
real sensitive servant smelly soggy terrible

## D Write and Speak. Use the expressions above in 'Activity C'.

What would the characters say in each scene?



Servant: What is a real princess? How can I tell?

Prince: \_\_\_\_\_



Queen: Let's find out if she is a real princess.

King: Let's put \_\_\_\_\_

If she is real \_\_\_\_\_



Prince: You are a real princess. Please marry me!

Princess: I'm sorry but I can't.

\_\_\_\_\_