

Rainbow Readers

Title: Rumpelstiltskin Returns

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

rumpled	farewell	elves	howling	mermaid
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1. It's sad when you have to say farewell to an old friend.
2. We could hear wolves howling somewhere far away.
3. His clothes were rumpled because he had slept in them.
4. The old sailor says that he saw a(n) mermaid swimming near the boat.
5. In some countries, parents tell kids that elves help Santa Claus make presents.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Rumpelstiltskin was not handsome. T / F
2. The miller told a lie to the king. T / F
3. The queen liked to tell the story of how she met the king. T / F
4. The king loved his daughter more than anyone or anything. T / F
5. The princess wanted to marry Harry the butcher. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Rumpelstiltskin wanted the miller's daughter to (marry him / give him her baby).
2. Harry the butcher was very (smart / foolish).
3. The princess realized that she had no (name / talent).
4. The princess painted some (thread / straw) gold.
5. In the end, Rumpelstiltskin married (a mermaid / an old woman).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. The king told the princess to marry the butcher because _____.

- a. He wanted free meat
- b. The butcher was rich
- c. He thought the butcher was a good man
- d. No one else would marry her

2. Which is true about Harry the butcher?

- a. He was good-looking.
- b. He didn't want to marry the princess.
- c. He thought he was in a different fairy tale.
- d. He gave the princess magic beans.

3. Why had Rumpelstiltskin tried to take the princess from the queen?

- a. Because the princess could turn straw into gold
- b. Because he hated the queen
- c. Because he wanted to marry the princess
- d. Because the king ordered him to

4. While locked in the tower, the princess did all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. Ask for gold paint
- b. Give the elf a new name
- c. Try to let her hair down through the window
- d. Beg the king to let her go

5. How did the princess get out of the tower?

- a. She convinced the king to release her.
- b. The elf's anger made it crack open.
- c. The elf used magic to let her escape.
- d. She agreed to obey her father.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

threw a fit	eel	fairy tale	butcher	magic
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This is an unusual fairy tale about a mean elf. The king locked the miller's daughter up and threatened her with death if she couldn't make gold from straw. The elf Rumpelstiltskin made the gold, saving her life. After she became queen, the elf demanded her first-born child, the princess. She said no. Years later, the princess was a young woman. The greedy king wanted her marry a fat, foolish butcher so he could have free meat. But the princess tricked the butcher into going away by giving him "magic" beans. Angry, the king locked her in a tower and told her to spin straw into gold, or die. Rumpelstiltskin offered to save her if she would marry him. Instead, she renamed him "Rumpled-eel-skin." The princess painted thread to look like gold. It fooled both the king and the elf. The elf threw a fit that cracked the tower open, killing the king. He then left the kingdom. The princess went to live with Goldilocks and lived happily ever after.