

e-future Classic Readers

LEVEL 4-5

The Magic Swan



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A Write the correct word for each definition.

solemn

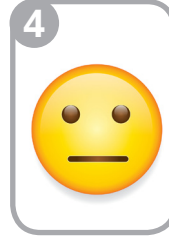
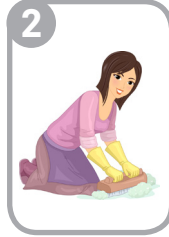
clown

feather

plead

scrub

confused



1. A clown is someone who performs and tries to make people laugh.
2. To scrub something is to rub it hard in order to clean it.
3. If you are confused, you don't understand something.
4. To look solemn is to look very serious.
5. To plead is to ask for something in a serious and emotional way.
6. A feather is one of the light, soft things that cover birds.

B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

giggle

capture

stream

free

mayor

1. A girl was scrubbing clothes in the stream.
river
2. A big man said, "I'm the mayor!"
leader
3. "Are you stuck?" he asked, giggling.
laughing
4. When you have captured some people, lead them to a town.
caught
5. You can free the hand only if you touch the person with this stick.
let go

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

out (X2) on away about to

1. The king heard about Peter and asked to see him.
2. He put his hand on the clown to help him.
3. "Swan, hold fast," called out Peter.
4. You must allow people to pull out a feather.
5. She saw all the people stuck to the swan.
6. At the end of the story, the swan flew away.

D Write your own sentences using the same pattern and the given words in the correct forms.

Future Time Clauses

Clauses starting with if, as soon as, when, etc. are often about the future. In these future time clauses, use the **present tense**, not the future tense.

- As soon as the swan **feels** a touch, it will scream out.
→ *As soon as the swan will feel a touch, it will scream out. (X)*
- If you **can make** her laugh, you will become a rich man.
→ *If you will make her laugh, you will become a rich man. (X)*
- Don't forget me **when you are** rich.
→ *Don't forget me when you will be rich. (X)*

[Sample answers]

(if, I, have, free time, this weekend)

1. If I have free time this weekend, I'll probably go skateboarding.

(as soon as, this school year, end)

2. As soon as this school year ends, I'm going to visit my grandparents.

(when, I, be 21)

3. When I'm 21, I'll be studying at a university.

A Choose the best answers.

1. Which is NOT true about Peter?



- a. He had two brothers.
- b. He was blamed for everything.
- ☒ c. He didn't listen to the old woman.

2. How did Peter get the swan?



- ☒ a. He stole it from a man.
- b. The old woman gave it to him.
- c. He bought it from a man.

3. Who was the first person that Peter caught?



- a. A clown
- b. The mayor
- ☒ c. A builder

4. What did the princess do when she saw Peter and his captives?



- a. She got stuck, too.
- ☒ b. She started laughing.
- c. She became angry.

B Circle T for true or F for false.

- 1. Peter was the oldest of the brothers. T / ☒ F
- 2. An old woman told him how to become rich. ☒ T / F
- 3. The swan caused people to become stuck. ☒ T / F
- 4. He captured a girl who was scrubbing a chimney. T / ☒ F
- 5. Peter captured five people in all. ☒ T / F
- 6. He forgot his promise to the old woman. T / ☒ F

C Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.

1. When someone touched the swan, it screamed .
screamed / flew away
2. Everyone liked the swan's feathers .
wings / feathers
3. In the village a fair was being held.
wedding / fair
4. Peter chose the land at the end.
land / money
5. Peter freed the people by touching them with a stick .
touching them with a stick / telling the swan to let them go

D Summarize the story. Write 1 or 2 words in each blank.

Beginning

A young man is unhappy because his brothers treat him badly. An old woman tells him he must find a magic swan and use it to capture people. Then he can make a princess laugh, and he will become rich .

Middle

The young man takes the swan and begins capturing people. When they touch the swan, he says, "Swan, hold fast !" Then they become stuck. The last person he catches is the mayor of a town. Then the princess goes by in her carriage . She sees the group and laughs for the first time ever.

End

The king is thankful and offers Peter either one thousand gold pieces or land. He chooses the land and marries the princess. He also gives the old woman a beautiful house .