

e-future Classic Readers

LEVEL 5-6

The Happy Prince



Oscar Wilde

A Write the correct word for each definition.

statue

proudly

sword

swallow

beak

secretly



1. A _____ is a weapon with a long metal blade with a sharp point.
2. A _____ is a figure of a person or animal made from stone, metal, etc.
3. A _____ is a small bird with long pointed wings.
4. To do something _____ is to do it without others knowing.
5. A _____ is the hard, usually pointed parts that cover a bird's mouth.
6. To do something _____ is to do it with a good opinion of yourself.

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

gem

survive

castle

hop

1. The swallow _____ in through the window.
jumps
2. He has beautiful blue _____ for eyes.
jewels
3. He used to live in a beautiful _____ .
palace
4. The swallow cannot _____ the winter because the snow is too cold.
live through

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

for down back over past between

1. The statue's tears are falling _____ on top of the swallow.
2. He never went _____ the castle walls.
3. The swallow lands _____ the feet of the prince.
4. The swallow feels sorry _____ the prince.
5. One night, the swallow flies _____ the city.
6. Then the swallow flies _____ to the prince.

D Complete the sentences using the pattern and the given words.

Past Modals: *could/should/would have*

In the past tense, the modal verbs *could*, *should*, and *would* are followed by **have + past participle**.

This pattern describes things that did not actually happen. It is used to talk about ability, possibility, and obligation in the past.

- When I was alive, I could have helped them.
(He did not actually help them.)
- We were late for school. We should have left earlier.
- Why didn't you come to the party? You would have enjoyed it.

1. I wish I had eaten a bigger breakfast this morning. (*should*)
→ I should have eaten a bigger breakfast this morning .
2. I wish you had told me the truth. (*should*)
→ You _____ .
3. It's too bad Martin wasn't there. He always knows what to do.
(*would*)
→ Martin _____ .
4. It's too bad Eva didn't enter the talent show. She's good enough to win. (*could*)
→ _____ .

A Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 6-11)

1. The Happy Prince is lovely to look at. T / F
2. The Happy Prince used to be alive. T / F
3. The swallow can't fall asleep because raindrops are falling on him. T / F
4. The prince is sad because he misses his castle. T / F
5. The prince asks the swallow to bring his sword to a poor woman. T / F
6. The swallow has plans to leave the country. T / F

B Choose the best answers. (pp. 9-18)

1. **Which is true about the prince?**
 - a. He was usually unhappy when he was a real person.
 - b. He was very mean to the people of his city.
 - c. He wishes he had helped the poor and sick in the city.
2. **Why does the swallow feel warm after going to the poor woman's house?**
 - a. Because the house has a good fireplace
 - b. Because he feels good about doing something nice
 - c. Because the weather has suddenly changed
3. **What does the swallow bring to the young man?**
 - a. Another red gem
 - b. A piece of gold
 - c. One of the prince's eyes
4. **Which is NOT true about the swallow?**
 - a. He becomes blind.
 - b. He has a good heart.
 - c. He does what the prince asks.

C Match and complete the sentences.

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| 1. The Happy Prince | • | • | a. gets a blue gem from the prince. |
| 2. The swallow | • | • | b. go to heaven. |
| 3. The poor woman's son | • | • | c. stands on a hill above the city. |
| 4. The little girl | • | • | d. is the reason the swallow dies. |
| 5. The winter | • | • | e. wants to go to a warmer place at first. |
| 6. The prince and the swallow | • | • | f. is hungry and sick. |

D Use the words to fill in the chart of causes and effects.

A **cause** makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens.

Cause

Effect

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| 1. The prince wants to help the poor, but he cannot _____. | → | He feels sad, and he _____. |
| 2. The swallow feels _____ for the prince. | → | The swallow decides to _____. |
| 3. The prince gives the gems from his _____ to people who need them. | → | The prince becomes _____. |
| 4. They give all the prince's _____ away. | → | The prince isn't _____ anymore. |
| 5. The swallow and the prince have beautiful _____. | → | The _____ chooses them to bring to God. |

eyes, hearts,
sorry, gold, move

cries, blind, stay,
angel, handsome