

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 sword is a weapon with a long metal blade with a sharp point.
2. A statue is a figure of a person or animal made from stone, metal, etc.
3. A swallow is a small bird with long pointed wings.
4. To do something secretly is to do it without others knowing.
5. A beak is the hard, usually pointed parts that cover a bird's mouth.
6. To do something proudly 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 hops in through the window.
jumps
2. He has beautiful blue gems for eyes.
jewels
3. He used to live in a beautiful castle.
palace
4. The swallow cannot survive 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 down on top of the swallow.
2. He never went past the castle walls.
3. The swallow lands between the feet of the prince.
4. The swallow feels sorry for the prince.
5. One night, the swallow flies over the city.
6. Then the swallow flies back 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 should have told me the truth.
3. It's too bad Martin wasn't there. He always knows what to do. (*would*)
→ Martin would have known what to do.
4. It's too bad Eva didn't enter the talent show. She's good enough to win. (*could*)
→ Eva could have won (the talent show).

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 <u>move</u> . | → | He feels sad, and he <u>cries</u> . |
| 2. The swallow feels <u>sorry</u> for the prince. | → | The swallow decides to <u>stay</u> . |
| 3. The prince gives the gems from his <u>eyes</u> to people who need them. | → | The prince becomes <u>blind</u> . |
| 4. They give all the prince's <u>gold</u> away. | → | The prince isn't <u>handsome</u> anymore. |
| 5. The swallow and the prince have beautiful <u>hearts</u> . | → | The <u>angel</u> chooses them to bring to God. |

eyes, hearts,
sorry, gold, move

cries, blind, stay,
angel, handsome