

Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife

Teacher Resources, Week 2

This PDF contains:

- **Text Questions:** In this section, you will find questions about the chapter. These can be used orally in guided or shared reading discussions, as an independent comprehension exercise, or as part of a written homework or reading club activity.
- **Making the Choice and Voting:** Before choosing how to vote, students could discuss, as a group or a class, the wider context of the story and the consequences for the characters of each voting option at the end of the chapter. Students should be encouraged to use a variety of resources in their research, including books and the Internet.
- **Writing Activities:** Fiction Express for Schools provides a brilliant springboard into writing and some ideas and inspiration are provided in this section.
- **Other Extension Activities:** This section provides ideas for cross-curricular extension activities related to the chapter.
- **Key Words and Phrases:** This section provides a selection of key words and phrases from the chapter for use in a classroom literacy display or 'working wall'.
- **Glossary:** Here you will find definitions of words used in the chapter.
- **Puzzles and worksheets:** This section provides printable puzzles and/or worksheets for students to complete. Answers are also provided.
- **Picture Resources:** This section provides images to inspire student discussion. These images can be displayed on a whiteboard or printed.
- **Resources:** Here you will find a list of relevant websites and books that students might find useful.

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Text Questions

Chapter 2: A Hairy situation

1. *How do you think Rumpelstiltskin was feeling when Prince Charming was sucked into the jar? Do you think he was really trying to help the prince?*
2. *The room in the tower had rock and roll posters, and guitars hanging on the walls. There were motorcycle magazines all over the floor. Who did you think lived there when you read this description? Were you surprised to find out whose room it really was?*
3. *Does Prince Charming think that Rapunzel would have fallen in love with him? Do you think he is right?*
4. *Who was the magical stranger that Prince Charming had trusted to find him true love? Why does Prince Charming say he won't trust another magical stranger again?*
5. *Suddenly there was an enormous roar. What does the word 'enormous' mean? Could you picture this sound when you were reading the story? How does Prince Charming react when he hears the roar? Were you surprised by this? Does he behave like a prince in a traditional fairytale?*
6. *What was making the roaring sound? Were you surprised by this?*
7. *Why is the description of Rapunzel surprising? Are you enjoying this twisted fairytale where nothing is quite as we expect it to be?*

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8. *Why doesn't Rapunzel help Prince Charming and Harold? Do you think she would have helped them if she had heard the prince calling out from the tower?*
9. *What idea did Prince Charming have when he found Rapunzel's hair braid? Did you think this was a good idea? What did Harold think?*
10. *Who found a way out of the tower? Were you surprised by this?*
11. *Can you remember how many steps there were in the tower? What does this tell us about the tower?*
TEACHER NOTE: 436 steps.
12. *Why does Prince Charming think the woods is a bit spooky?*

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Making the Choice and Voting

Who is standing in front of them?

Option 1: A big bad wolf

What do you think might happen if the prince and Harold come face-to-face with a big bad wolf? Which traditional story is the big bad wolf from?

Remember that this story is a twisted fairytale. What do you think the wolf will be like? Might he not be bad at all? Or do you think he will try to eat the prince? Would you like to find out?

Option 2: A wicked witch

What do you think the wicked witch might do if she finds Prince Charming and Harold in the woods? How does the prince feel about magical creatures? Do you think he would be pleased to see the witch? Remember that this is a twisted fairytale. Do you think the witch might help the prince with his quest? Would you like to find out?

Option 3: Three hungry bears

How do you think Prince Charming would feel about meeting three hungry bears in the dark wood? What do you think might happen next? In which traditional story do you find three bears? Can you predict how chapter 3 will begin if the readers choose this option?

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Writing Activities

Where do you think Rapunzel is going on her motorbike? What sort of adventure do you think she might have? Write a short story about what happens to Rapunzel after we meet her in this story. Make your writing as exciting as possible.

Imagine that Rapunzel had heard the prince calling for help. What do you think might have happened next? Write down your ideas. Then write a new scene for the story in which Rapunzel hears the prince. Will she help him or not?

Choose your favourite option at the end of chapter 2. Write the opening of chapter 3 based on this option. Then post your ideas on the Fiction Express blog.

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Other Extension Activities

Art Activity

Draw a picture of your favourite scene in this chapter. Before you start, think about the characters and what they might look like. Also think about the setting and the background of your picture. When you have finished drawing, write a caption to go with your picture.

Discussion Activities

We learned in chapter 1 that Harold is Prince Charming's favourite pony. The prince chose to take him on his quest to find a wife. Do you think the prince made the right choice? In a group, look back at the first two chapters and discuss the pros and cons of taking Harold on the quest.

What might have happened if there really had been a dragon outside the tower? Do you think Prince Charming would have fought it? What might have happened to Rapunzel? Discuss your ideas in a group.

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Key Words and Phrases

Here is a list of interesting or potentially unfamiliar vocabulary used in the latest chapter of Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife:

whoosh, cackling, croaked, snug, enormous, littered the floor.

You may wish to explore this vocabulary with your pupils, to aid their understanding of the chapter and enhance, or 'up level', the quality of their own writing.

You might like to use the boxed versions of the words below on your 'working wall' or literacy display!

whoosh | ***cackling***

croaked | ***snug***

enormous

littered the

floor

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Glossary

braid – *strands of hair that have been woven together; a plait*

cackling – *sharp, broken laughter* **peered** – *looked closely and*

carefully

revving – *making a loud sound with a vehicle engine*

snug – *small and comfortable*

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Worksheet: Alphabetical order

Write these words from the chapter in alphabetical order on the lines below:

prince, tower, horse, Rapunzel, hair, motorbike, posters, Harold, dragon, Rumpelstiltskin, jar, jacket, quest, wardrobe.

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Worksheet ANSWERS

dragon

hair

Harold

horse

jacket

jar

motorbike

posters

prince

quest

Rapunzel

Rumpelstiltskin

tower

wardrobe

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Puzzle: Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 10 differences between these Rapunzel pictures?

Circle the differences as you find them.



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Puzzle ANSWERS



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Picture Resources

This is an illustration of a traditional scene from a story about Rapunzel.



What is different about the Rapunzel character in the picture and the character in Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife?

Do you think this could be a picture of the same character? Explain.

Who do you think the person sitting on the roof is? Why might she be there? How do you think Rapunzel feels about her?

Who could the other characters in the background be?

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Picture Resources

Look at these two pictures of different forests.



Think of 3 words to describe each forest.

Which do you think looks most like the setting described in the chapter?



Which of these forests would Prince Charming prefer to be in? Why?

Write a short story set in one of these forests.

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Resources

Websites

Short Kids Stories: Rapunzel

<http://www.shortkidstories.com/story/rapunzel/>

BBC Bitesize: Jackanory Junior – Shampoozel (comic version of the Rapunzel tale)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zgwwxnb/resources/2>

Books

Rapunzel by Hilary Robinson (Franklin Watts, 2015)

Rapunzel (STEM Solves Fairytales) by Jasmine Brooke (Raintree, 2017)

Rapunzel and the Prince of Pop by Karyn Gorman (Franklin Watts, 2014)

Rapunzel Stories Around the World (Multicultural Fairy Tales) by Carl Meister and Colleen M Madden (Raintree, 2016)

Ratpunzel by Charlotte Guillain (Raintree, 2014)