

Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife

Teacher Resources, Week 5

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.
- **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.
- **Templates:** This section provides printable templates for one, or some, of the exercises suggested in the 'Writing Activities' or 'Other Extension Activities' sections.
- **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 5: The Ugly Truth

1. *What did the salesman look like? Did you guess who the salesman was right at the start of the chapter?*

TEACHER NOTE: *He wore a black-and-white-striped suit two sizes too big, and a giant bowler hat. Beneath that, his straggly hair, purple warts and pointed teeth looked a bit familiar.*

2. *What sort of transport is the salesman selling? What does 'Only one previous careful owner' mean? Why is this funny? Who do you think the previous owner was?*

3. *What does the prince say he has learnt from this quest? What does the salesman say in response to this?*

TEACHER NOTE: *"If I've learnt anything from this quest, it's to stay away from magic!"*

"Then you're in luck, sir. This flying carpet isn't magic, but pure science! To prove it, I'll let you have a trial run, free of charge."

4. *What happened when the prince and Harold sat on the magic carpet? Was it really a flying carpet? Was there anything magic about it?*

5. *What three verbs beginning with 's' does the author use to describe the carpet's movement down the hill? Go back to the text to find out.*

TEACHER NOTE: *slipped, slid, slithered*

6. *Why does Prince Charming tell Harold to 'hang on'? What happens next?*

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7. *They crash through the roof of a shoe shop. How does the shopkeeper react to this? Did you find this amusing?*
8. *What happens when Prince Charming knocks on the door of Cinderella's house?*
9. *"I'm Charlotte, Cinderella's stepsister," said the girl.
"Oh right, one of the ugly sis-," Prince Charming clapped a hand to his mouth.
Why does the prince clap his hand over his mouth? What was he about to say? How does Charlotte feel about this?*
10. *What does the prince enjoy doing, much to his surprise?*
11. *How does Cinderella react when she sees the white shoebox wrapped with a pretty pink bow? How does she react when she sees the glass slippers inside? Were you surprised by this?*
12. *What terrible joke does Charlotte make? Why is the word 'slip' funny?*
13. *In chapter 3, the 'wicked' witch said that her magic mirror would show Prince Charming his true love. Was she right? Were you surprised by this?*
14. *How does the story end? Did you like the ending? Have you enjoyed reading this 'twisted' fairytale?*

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Writing Activities

Can you imagine what Prince Charming and Charlotte's wedding would be like? Write down some ideas. Then write a few lines that could be added to the story to describe the wedding.

How do we know that Charlotte is a kind person? Find two examples in chapter 5 that show this. Write a few sentences about each to explain why Charlotte is kind.

Do you think that the 'wicked' witch might perform at Prince Charming and Charlotte's wedding? Write a wedding rap for the witch to perform. You might like to write down a list of rhyming words before you start.

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Other Extension Activities

Art Activity

Draw your favourite scene from the final chapter of Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife. Write two or three sentences to explain why this is your favourite part.

Make a collage picture showing Prince Charming and Charlotte's wedding. Think carefully about the colours and textures that you want to use in your picture. Make it as bright and eye-catching as you can.

Design a cover for Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife.

*Remember to put the author's name on the cover. Write a blurb for the back cover that will make other children want to read it. **TEACHER***

NOTE: *template provided.*

Discussion Activities

The final chapter is called 'The Ugly Truth'. Why do you think the author chose this title? Do you think that it is a good title for the chapter?

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Do you think that Prince Charming chose the right girl to marry? Do you think he would have been happy if he had married Cinderella, or one of the other characters he met in the story? Do you think he will be happy with Charlotte?

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Template: Book Cover

A large rectangular frame divided into two vertical panels. The left panel contains seven horizontal lines for writing and a barcode with the numbers 1234567890 below it. Below the barcode is the text 'Price:'. The right panel is blank.

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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:

wailed, slithered, chuckle, a swift push, straggly hair, her eyes lit up.

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!

wailed | ***slithered***

chuckle

a swift push

***straggly
hair***

***her eyes
lit up***

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Glossary

ASAP – *as soon as possible*

familiar – *something that is already known to you, for example something you have seen before*

flounced – *moved in a sulky or angry way*

slid – *moved easily over a surface (past tense of slide)*

sneered – *smiled or laughed to show you dislike someone or something*

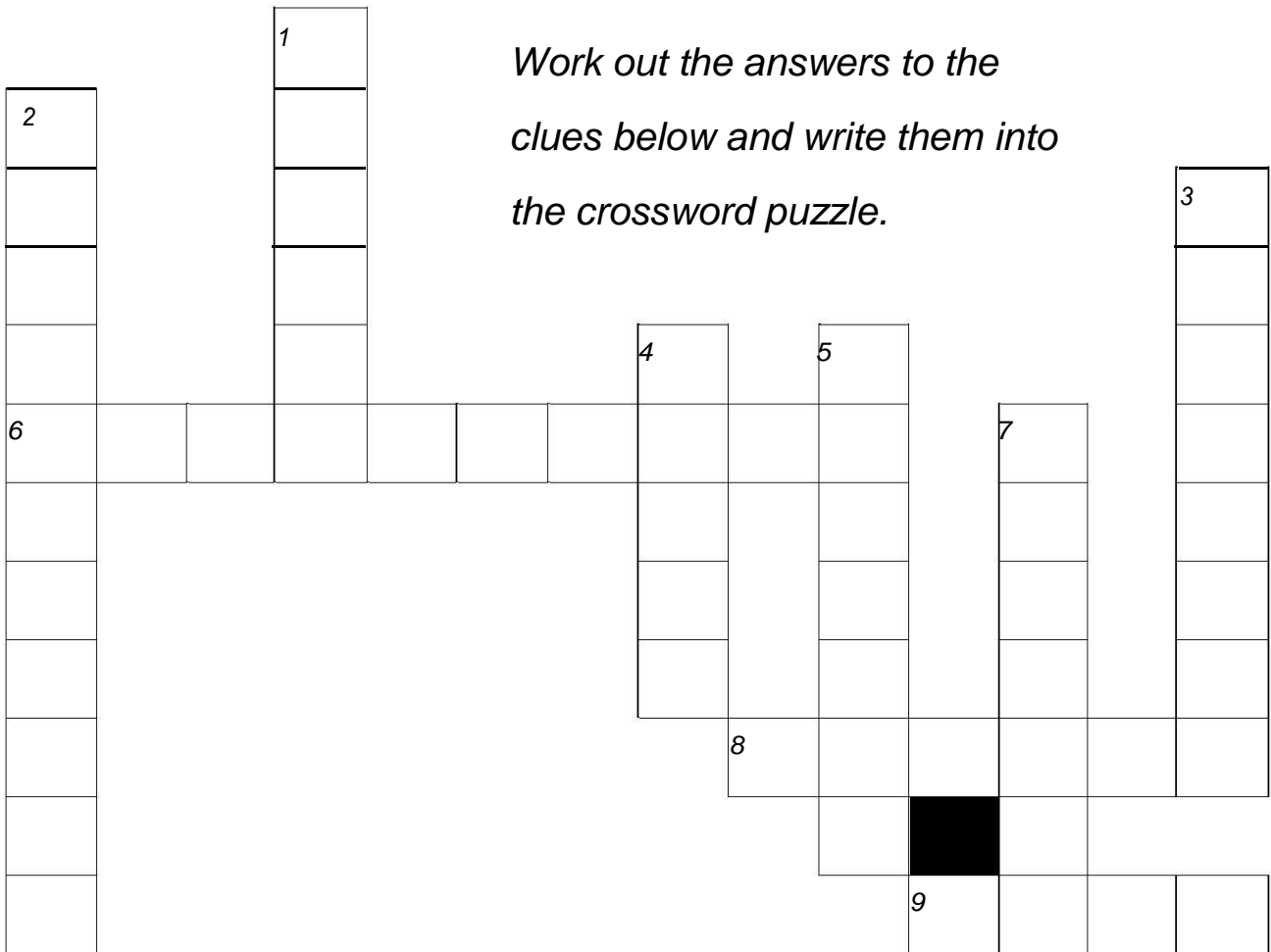
steep – *having a sharp slope*

trickster – *someone who likes to play tricks on people*

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Puzzle: Crossword



Work out the answers to the clues below and write them into the crossword puzzle.

CLUES

Across

6. The name of the prince's ex-girlfriend. (10)
8. Rumpelstiltskin tried to sell the prince a _____ carpet. (6)
9. Cinderella called Charlotte one of the _____ sisters. (4)

Down

1. The name of the prince's horse.
2. The prince saw his true love in the witch's _____ . (5, 6)
3. The name of the prince. (8)
4. The prince bought a pair of _____ slippers. (5)
5. The prince and Charlotte lived _____ ever after. (7)
7. _____ bells rang out from the castle. (7)

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Puzzle ANSWERS

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Picture Resources

This is an illustration from a book telling the story of Cinderella. The book was written in 1865.

What famous scene from the traditional story of Cinderella does this picture show?

How does the Cinderella character in the picture feel about the glass slippers?

How does Cinderella react to the slippers in Prince Charming and his Quest for a Wife?

Who do you think the two women standing behind Cinderella might be?

Do you prefer the character of Cinderella in the traditional story or in this modern twisted fairytale? Why?



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Picture Resources

This is an illustration of a fairytale horse.



Do you think that Harold might look something like this?

Do you think that Harold is an important character in this story?

Why?

Do you think the story would have been more or less fun without Harold?

Write your own short story about Harold the royal horse.

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Resources

Books

Cinderella Stories Around the World (Multicultural Fairy Tales) by Cari Meister and Eva Montanari (Raintree, 2016)

Cinderella: An Interactive Fairy Tale Adventure (You Choose: Fractured Fairy Tales) by Jessica Gunderson and Ayesha Lopez (Raintree, 2015)

Cinderella's Big Foot by Laura North (Franklin Watts, 2011)

Red Riding Hood Meets the Three Bears (Fairy Tale Mix-Ups) by Charlotte Guillain and Karl West (Raintree, 2016)

Snow Fright and the Seven Skeletons by Laurence Anholt (Orchard Books, 2015)

The Elves Help Puss in Boots (Fairy Tale Mix-Ups) by Paul Harrison and Tim Sutcliffe (Raintree, 2016)

The Frog Prince Saves Sleeping Beauty (Fairy Tale Mix-Ups) by Charlotte Guillain and Dan Widdowson (Raintree, 2016)