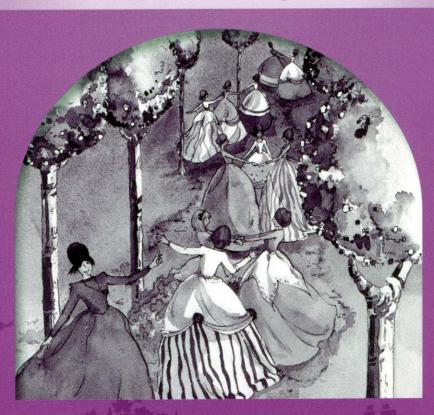


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Activities



Before you read, can you write the words?

soldier castle king shoes notice







soldier





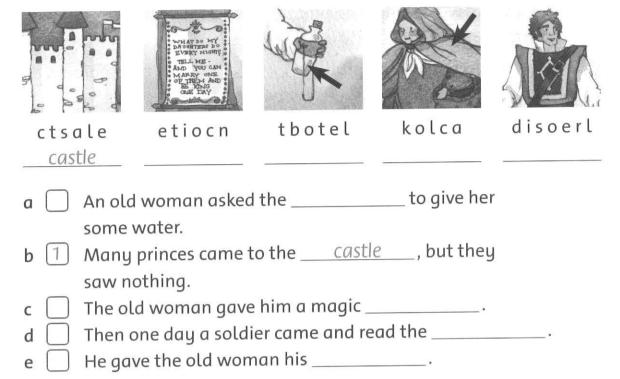
- 1 The twelve princesses are daughters of the ______.
- 2 They all live in a ______.
- 3 Every morning the princesses are tired and have dirty
- 4 The king can't understand it and writes a ______.
- 5 A <u>soldier</u> reads it and goes to the castle.



Circle the correct words. Then complete the sentences.

1	Once there was a king who had twelve <u>daughters</u> .
	sons daughters cats
2	Every night the king carefully the bedroom door
	locked opened pushed
3	But every morning the princesses were
	sad afraid tired
4	And their shoes were all dirty and full of
	holes food water
5	The king could not it.
	understand answer hear
6	So he wrote
	in a book a notice on the wall
7	'What do my daughters do every?'
	morning day night
8	'Tell me – and you can one of them.'
	see speak to marry
9	A prince read the notice and came to the
	castle house school
10	The king said, 'Watch my daughters'
	quietly carefully softly
11	But the princess gave the prince a drink
	and he went to sleep.
	oldest youngest nicest
12	In the morning he had to say to the king.
	something anything nothing

1 Write the words and number the sentences 1-5.



2 What does the old woman say? Complete the sentences using will, must, or can.

'The princesses	<u>Will</u> give you a drink. But
you not	drink it. Do you hear me?
You not	go to sleep. You
stay awake all nig	ht. Then you
watch them.	
'And look! You	have this. It's a magic
cloak. The princess	es not see you
	s. You be invisible
Then you	_ follow them.'



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	1	Answer	the	questions.	Write	Yes	or	No.
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1	Are they in the castle?	Yes
2	Did the soldier take the cup?	
3	Did he drink from it?	
4	Did he give the drink to the dog?	
5	Are the soldier's eyes closed?	
6	Is he asleep?	
7	Is the dog asleen?	



2 Complete the sentences with the past tense of these verbs.

answer see sit go take drink put open sag follow give whisper move

1	The oldest princess _	said_, 'F	lere, soldier! Ha	ive a nice drink!
2	The soldier	the cu	р.	
3	He the	drink to the	e dog.	
4	The dog	$_$ it and we	nt to sleep.	
5	Then the soldier	d	own and closed	l his eyes.
6	'Is he asleep?'	the	youngest princ	ess.
7	'Yes,' h	er sisters.		
8	The princesses	on	their best dress	es and their
	dancing shoes.			
9	The oldest princess _		_ her bed.	
10	Then she	a door in	the floor.	
11	The soldier	everyt	hing.	
12	He put on his magic o	loak and th	ien he	them.
13	Theu d	own the sto	airs.	

→ Pages 8–9

1	Put	the	words	in	the	correct	order.
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1 they the Down stairs went.

Down the stairs they went.
2 The last princess youngest was.
3 was behind invisible her The soldier.
4 on Then dress her stepped he.
5 me someone There's behind!

2 Write the words.

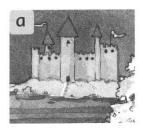
6 following is Someone us!

soldier quickly silve fun strange trees		
They came to a road of _	strange	trees
all made of	The	
princesses walked	Th	ney looked
and they	were having	so much
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Now they came to a road	d of trees al	L
made of	The	
danced through the	a	nd the
watched t	hem.	

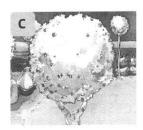


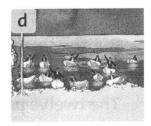
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1 Answer the questions. Match the pictures with the sentences.









1	What were the trees made of?
	The trees were made of diamonds.
2	What was there across the lake?
3	How many white boats were there on the water?
4	Who danced with the twelve princes?
Ci	ircle the mistake in each sentence. Then write the
CC	orrect word.
1	The princesses were happy because they could see the sky.
	lake
2	In every boat a prince was talking
3	The soldier jumped into the boat with the youngest princess.
4	Her prince said, 'It feels empty.'
5	The twelve princesses danced with the twelve kings
6	At last the ground began to grow light
	The oldest princess cried, 'It will soon be night, sisters!'

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1 Make sentences about the story. Then write them in the correct order.

But the soldier ran	went to bed.
faster and	
The twelve princesses and the twelve princes	got to the bedroom first.
The princesses ran through the trees and back	across the lake.
The princesses saw him on the chair and	up the stairs.
The princes rowed the	ran out of the
princesses back	castle.
1 The twelve princesses and the twelve princesses	rinces ran out of the

1	The twelve	princesses	and	the	twelve	princes	ran	out of	the	castle
2								5 :		
3										
4										
5										

2 What does the king say? Write the words.

same	shoes	midday	holes	girls	dirty	asleep
'Look at	these	shoes	! Theu	j are al	.l	
and full	of		It's the			every
day. And	d look at	these		! Th	ey are	still
No.	ar	ıd it's nea	rly		!'	



→ Pages 14-15

Write the words. Then complete the sentences.

1	tlodes <u>oldest</u> 7 lkc	ı e
2	2 lforo 8 vir	lisebi
3	9 ed	olsr
4	witsg10 yh	e v a
		rts
6	5 toeugyns 12 cag	g i m
а	That night the followed the	princesses again.
	He gave his drink to his dog and he stayed	
С	The soldier put on his cloak.	
	,	
	The <u>oldest</u> daughter moved back h	er bed.
	She opened a door in the	
	The soldier them.	
i	was as a second of the second	
i	to the second se	e white boats and
J	the twelve princes.	
k	The soldier got into the boat with the	princess.
	Her prince said, 'The boat feels	
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	→ I	Pages 16–17					
1	Cl	noose a, b, or c.					
	1	1 At the castle the princesses and the princes had a time.					
		a ☐ strange b ☐ sad c ✓ wonderful					
	2	Then the twelve princesses ran back to the					
		a lake b castle c sea					
	3 The princes rowed them back the water.						
		a through b across c around					
	4	The soldier ran up the stairs the princesses.					
	_	a above b before c behind					
	5	The soldier got to the room					
	_	a first b second c last					
	6	The king asked the soldier, 'Did you see ?' a anyone b everything c anything					
		u dingone b evergining c dingining					
2	Co	omplete the sentences with the past tense of these verbs.					
	run dance whisper begin call say think come get si						
	1	At the castle the princesses <u>danced</u> with their princes.					
		The soldier, 'How beautiful this is!'					
		At last the sky to grow light.					
		The oldest princess, 'It's time to go home to bed!'					
		The princesses and the princes back to the lake.					
	6 The soldier to the room first.						
		He on the chair and closed his eyes.					

8 The oldest princess ______, 'He's asleep!'

10 The soldier ______, 'Give me one more night.'

9 Later that morning the king ______.



1 Circle the correct words. Then write sentences.

1 What did the soldier put on?

a silver hat some gold trousers (his magic cloak)

The soldier put on his magic cloak.

2 At the castle, what did he take?

a big diamond

a beautiful glass cup

a silver twig

Where did he put it?

in his pocket

in a bag

on the floor

4 What did the soldier tell the king?

something

everything

nothing

2 Write the words.

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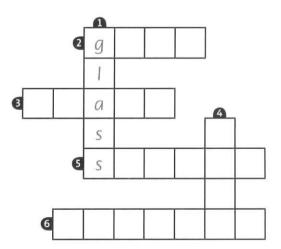


a ... cup

- The trees were made of silver, ..., and diamonds.
- not sleeping
- 4 when something really happens

5

6 The soldier ... the oldest princess.





Play



Act the play.

Characters



Chorus



King



Oldest princess



Youngest princess



Princesses (10)



Prince 1 (no words to speak)



Soldier



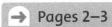
Old woman



Prince 2

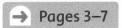


Princes (11) (no words to speak)





Chorus: Once there was a king who had twelve daughters. Every morning the princesses were tired. And their shoes were all dirty and full of holes. The king could not understand it. He wrote a notice: 'What do my daughters do every night? Tell me – and you can marry one of them and be king one day.'





Chorus: A prince read the notice and came to the castle.

But the oldest princess gave him a drink and he
went to sleep. So he saw nothing.

Scene 3

Chorus: Then one day a soldier came and read the notice.

Old woman: Can you give me some water?

Soldier: Here you are! ... I am going to the castle.

Old woman: Thank you. Listen. Those princesses will give you a drink. You must not drink it. You must stay awake. Have this magic cloak. You will be invisible!

Scene 4

Oldest princess: Here, soldier! Have a nice drink!

Chorus: The soldier took the cup. But he did not drink.
He sat down and closed his eyes.

Youngest princess (quietly): Is he asleep?

Princesses: Yes! Come on! Let's have some fun!

Chorus: The princesses put on their best dresses and their dancing shoes.

Oldest princess: Come on! Let's go!

Chorus: The oldest princess opened a door in the floor.

Quickly the soldier put on his magic cloak. Then he followed them.



Chorus: The youngest princess was last. The invisible soldier was behind her. He stepped on her dress.

Youngest princess: Who's there? There's someone behind me.

Princesses: We can't see anyone!



Chorus: The princesses came through some strange trees all made of silver, gold, and diamonds. Then they could see the lake. Across the lake there was a wonderful castle. There were twelve boats on the water. In every boat a prince was waiting. The soldier stepped into the boat with the youngest princess.

Prince 2: This boat feels different tonight. It feels heavy.
Youngest princess: Perhaps the weather is too warm for you.

Scene 7 W

Chorus: At the castle, the twelve princesses danced with the twelve princes. The soldier watched them. At last the sky began to grow light.

Oldest princess: It will soon be day, sisters! It's time to go home to bed!

Scene 8 W

Chorus: The princesses and the princes ran out of the castle.

The princes rowed the princesses back across the lake.

Then the princesses ran back to their bedroom. But the soldier ran faster. He got to the room first.

Oldest princess: Look! He's asleep. To bed, sisters ... to bed!



Chorus: Later that morning the king came.

King: Look at these shoes! They are all dirty and full of holes. And look at these girls! They are still asleep. Did you see anything?

Soldier: Yes, I did. But I need to see more. Let me watch again tonight.

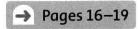
King: OK! Good luck!

Scene 10 V

Chorus: That night the soldier followed the princesses again. It was the same as the night before. The princesses ran through the trees. The soldier took a little silver twig. *Crack!* Then he took a little gold twig. *Crack!* And a little diamond twig. *Crack!*

Youngest princess: What was that noise? Is someone following us?

Princesses: We can't see anyone! Come on!





Chorus: At the castle, the princesses danced with their princes. At last the sky began to grow light. The princesses ran back. But the soldier was faster.

Scene 12 W

Chorus: Later that morning the king came.

King: Did you see anything?

Soldier: Yes, I did. But give me one more night.

Scene 13 🐄

Chorus: That night the soldier followed the princesses again. At the castle he took one of the glass cups.

Scene 14 W

Chorus: In the morning the soldier told the king everything. He gave him the twigs and the glass cup.

King (to the princesses): Is this true?

Princesses: Yes, Father.

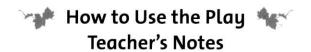
King: Well, soldier ... which one do you want to marry?

Soldier: I think your oldest daughter is the one for me.

Scene 15

Chorus: The soldier married the oldest princess and they were very happy.





Introduction

- Speaking or performing the Classic Tales Play is good for your students' English. It is fun, too!
- The Classic Tales Play is shorter than the reader, but uses the same language. So students speak or perform the play after they have read the reader.
- Your students can speak the play in class, using their books. Or with more time, they can perform the play for other classes, the whole school, or parents.
- Your students can perform the play in their school clothes, or they can make costumes to wear.
- They can also make props (things to hold) for when they are performing the play.
- Students can speak or perform the play as a whole class, or you can put them into smaller groups.

How to Speak the Play in Class

- The Classic Tales Play has some characters and a chorus. (See page 12.)
- Ask which of your students would like to be a character.
- Tell those students which character they will be.
- Tell the rest of the class or group that they will join in with the chorus.
- Make sure everyone can see a book.
- Ask the first character to begin.

How to Perform the Play

- The Classic Tales Play has some characters and a chorus. (See page 12.)
- Ask which of your students would like to be a character.
- Tell those students which character they will be.
- Tell the rest of the class or group that they will join in with the chorus.
- Ask your students to practise speaking their lines so they can say them without looking at the book. Students may need to look at the book when they are performing the play.
- Tell your students to decide together where they will stand and what movements they will make when they are performing the play. They may have props to hold, too.
- The students in the chorus can speak the lines together, or take it in turns to speak a line.
- Ask your students to practise performing the play together in class before they perform it for other people. When they practise, you can help them with their English, and help them with their movement and expression.
- When they are ready, they can perform the play for other people.

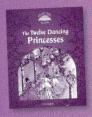


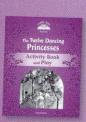
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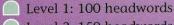
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