

The Emperor's New Clothes



Once upon a time, there was an Emperor who adored having new clothes. He had lots of different outfits but he always wanted more.

One day, two strangers came to the palace. They told the Emperor they could make him some new, beautiful clothes.

Working hard for weeks, the two strangers created clothes for the Emperor in secret. The Emperor was cross because he wanted to see his new clothes.



One of the strangers showed him the new clothes, saying, "Don't you think they are splendid?" The Emperor was confused because he could not see anything. The other stranger told the Emperor that the clothes were very special. He said that the clothes were too fine to be seen by foolish people.

The Emperor did not want to appear foolish so he told the men that the clothes were beautiful. The men asked for more money from the Emperor so that the clothes could be ready for the parade. The Emperor agreed to pay them.

On the day of the parade, the Emperor was given his new clothes. The palace staff knew that the clothes could not be seen by foolish people and so told the Emperor he looked magnificent.

At the parade, crowds gathered to see the Emperor and his new clothes. They all commented on his lovely outfit. Then a boy shouted, "The Emperor has no clothes on!" All the people agreed with him and laughed. The Emperor blushed but carried on. He did not want to admit that he had been fooled.



The Emperor's New Clothes Questions

1. The story says the Emperor 'adored' having new clothes.

What does 'adored' mean? Tick one.

- ☐ hated
☐ loved
☐ liked

2. Why was the Emperor cross? Tick one.

- ☐ he wanted to see his new clothes
☐ he did not like the new clothes
☐ the men were unkind

3. Complete the sentences. One has already been done for you.

The men were asked for

more money.

The Emperor did not

Please select the answer:

The Emperor blushed

Please select the answer:

The Emperor agreed

Please select the answer:

4. The Emperor didn't want to be seen as foolish. What does 'foolish' mean? Tick one.

- ☐ angry
☐ happy
☐ unwise

5. Why did everyone laugh at the Emperor?