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The Princess and the Pea

after Hans Christian Andersen

Once upon a time there was a Prince who wanted to marry a princess, but a real princess. He travelled all over the world to find one, but nowhere could he get what he wanted.

There were a lot of princesses, but it was difficult to find out whether they were real ones. There was always something about them that was not as it should be. So, he came back home and was sad.

One evening a terrible storm came on; there was thunder and lightning, and the rain poured down. Suddenly somebody knocked on the city gate, and the old King went to open it. It was a Princess standing in front of the gate. But, good gracious! She looked horrible because of the rain and the wind.

The water ran down from her hair and clothes. And yet she said that she was a real princess.

"Well, we'll soon find that out", thought the old Queen.

But she said nothing, went into the bedroom, took all the bedding off the bedstead, and laid a pea on the bottom. Then she took twenty mattresses and laid them on the pea, and then twenty blankets on top of the mattresses. On this the princess had to lie all night. In the morning they asked her

"How did you sleep?"

"Oh, very badly!" she said. "I have scarcely closed my eyes all night. Heaven only knows what was in the bed, but I was lying on something hard, so that I am black and blue all over my body. It's horrible!"

Now they knew that she was a real princess because she could feel the pea right through the twenty mattresses and the twenty blankets. Nobody but a real princess could be as sensitive as that. So, the Prince took her for his wife, for now he knew that he had a real princess; and they put the pea in the museum, where you may still see it, if no one has stolen it. There, that is a true story.

1. The Prince wanted to marry a ____.

1. rich princess
2. true princess
3. foreign princess

2. The Prince travelled a lot to find his future wife, but ____.

1. there were no princesses in the countries he visited
2. he didn't know how to check if the princess was real
3. he liked all the princesses he met

3. The Prince was sad because ____.

1. he was tired of travelling
2. he came back home
3. he felt lonely

4. The Princess standing by the city gate was ____.

1. all wet
2. good and gracious
3. sad

5. The old Queen decided to ____.

1. make a soft bed for the princess
2. check if she was a true princess
3. help the Prince and Princess to make friends

6. The Queen put a pea ____ the mattresses.

1. between
2. on top of
3. under

7. The Princess ____ at night,

1. couldn't sleep
2. closed her eyes and slept well
3. counted the mattresses

8. The Princess_____.

1. found the pea under the mattresses
2. was uncomfortable to sleep on the bed with the pea under the mattresses
3. thanked the Queen for the soft bed

9. The Prince and his family knew that she was a real princess because_____.

1. she was black and blue all over her body
2. she was horrible
3. she was unhappy after a sleep on 20 mattresses with a pea under them

10. The Prince's family thought that real princesses_____.

1. were very delicate and tender
2. needed twenty mattresses on their bed
3. had to lie on something hard

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