



## PINOCCHIO

**Once upon a time, there lived an old carpenter named Geppeto.**

**One day, he carved a puppet in the shape of a little boy and named him Pinocchio. “How I wish this boy was real!” he said longingly.**

**A kind fairy who was passing by heard Gepato’s words. That night, she sprinkled some magic dust on the puppet and brought Pinocchio to life.**

**“But remember,” she told the boy, “if you want to be a real boy, you must always be good and make your father, Gepato, proud.”**

**Geppeto loved Pinocchio dearly. He bought books for Pinocchio and sent him to school so that he would become a very clever boy.**

**But Pinocchio was quite naughty. He and his friends used to skip school to play and have fun all the time.**

**When Gepatto found out, he was very angry. “Did you miss school?” he asked.**

**Naughty Pinocchio refused to tell the truth. “No father, I was in school all day!” he lied. Immediately, his wooden nose started to grow long!**

**“Are you telling a lie?” Geppeto asked with a frown. “No father!” he replied and his nose grew longer again**

**In fact, every time Pinocchio told a lie, his nose became longer and longer.**

**Every time, Geppeto's friend, the woodpecker had to peck the boy's nose to its actual size. And every time, Pinocchio used to promise to be a good boy next time.**

**But Pinocchio soon forgot his promises. He thought, "School is no fun at all. I don't want to study anymore. I want to have grand adventures!"**

**So, Pinocchio and his friends ran away from home and joined a circus.**