

## The Fisherman and His Wife

### Listening Comprehension

#### Task 1: Match the key vocabulary words from the story with their correct definitions or synonyms.

1. Cottage	A. Satisfied
2. Flounder	B. A large, magnificent house; a royal residence
3. Content	C. To have an intense desire or longing for something
4. Crave	D. A small, simple house
5. Prince	E. A male member of a royal family, usually the son of a king or queen
6. Palace	F. A type of flatfish (the magical fish in the story)
7. Empress	G. A female sovereign ruler of an empire (higher rank than a queen)

#### Task 2: True or False

1. The fisherman was quite happy with his life, but his wife found their cottage disgusting, moldy, and damp.	T F
2. When the fisherman finally caught the golden fish, he immediately made a wish.	T F
3. The fish told the fisherman that he was actually a king under a magic spell.	T F
4. The fisherman's wife initially told him she wanted a bigger house, even a palace, right after he returned with no fish.	T F
5. After the wife became a Queen, she immediately wanted to be the Empress.	T F
6. The fisherman's wife realized the worth of what she had when she was living as an Empress.	T F

#### Task 3: Listen again and choose the best answer for each question.

1. What did the fisherman's wife typically want that was different from what he brought her?
  - a) If he brings her crab, she wants fish.
  - b) If he picks pears, she craves apples.
  - c) If he brings her fish, she wants crab.

2. Why was the fisherman surprised when he finally caught the flounder?

- a) It was the biggest fish he had ever seen.
- b) The fish was golden and shining brightly, and it talked.
- c) The fish was crying and begged him to let it go.

3. What did the fish promise the fisherman if he let him go?

- a) He would bring him back a treasure.
- b) He would make a wish come true.
- c) He would clean his cottage.

4. What was the first thing the wife wanted the magic fish to provide?

- a) A new fishing rod.
- b) A wonderful house with brand new furniture.
- c) A new cottage that wasn't damp.

5. What request did the fisherman's wife make when she became tired of the palace and being a Queen?

- a) She wanted to be the Empress.
- b) She wanted to live in a mansion.
- c) She wanted to control the weather.

6. What was the ultimate, final desire of the fisherman's wife that made her give up everything?

- a) To rule the oceans.
- b) To control time and rule the sun and the moon above the clouds.
- c) To live in a bigger palace

**Task 4. Put the events in the correct order as they happened in the story.**

Event	Order
The wife wishes to become an Empress to rule the Sun and Moon.	1
The fisherman returns to the old, tiny cottage.	2
The wife gets a perfect house full of new furniture.	3
The fisherman releases the magic fish without making a wish.	4
The wife gets a huge palace and sits on a throne as a Queen.	5
The fisherman catches the golden fish-prince.	6

**Task 5. What is the moral or lesson in the story to teach? Highlight all likely themes**

1. The importance of hard work.
2. The danger of greed and being ungrateful.
3. The power of true love between a couple.
4. The value of simple things and happiness.