

## The Fisherman and His Wife

### Listening Comprehension

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

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| 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**

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| 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.**

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