



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.