



**Pre listening**

**ACTIVITY 1:** Look at the picture and read the words in bold in the fairy tale. Choose the correct title of the tale.

- a) A prince and an ugly princess**
- b) The real princess**
- c) The young prince and princess**



There was once a Prince who wished to marry a **Princess**; but then she must be a **real** Princess. He travelled all over the world in hopes of finding such a lady; but there was always something wrong. Princesses he found in plenty; but whether they were real Princesses it was impossible for him to decide, for now one thing, now another, seemed to him not quite right about the ladies. At last he returned to his palace quite cast down, because he wished so much to have a real Princess for his wife.

One evening a **fearful** tempest arose, it thundered and lightened, and the rain poured down from the sky in torrents: besides, it was as dark as pitch. All at once there was heard a violent knocking at the door, and the **old King**, the Prince's father, went out himself to open it.

It was a Princess who was standing outside the door. What with the rain and the wind, she was in a sad condition; the water trickled down from her hair, and her clothes clung to her body. She said she was a real Princess.

"Ah! we shall soon see that!" thought the old **Queen-mother**; however, she said not a word of what she was going to do; but went quietly into the bedroom, took all the bed-clothes off the bed, and put three little peas on the bedstead. She then laid twenty mattresses one upon another over the three peas, and put twenty feather beds over the mattresses.

Upon this bed the Princess was to pass the night.

The next morning, she was asked how she had slept. "Oh, very badly indeed!". I do not know what was in my bed, but I had something hard under me, and am all over black and blue. It has hurt me so much!"



Now it was plain that the lady must be a **real** Princess, since she had been able to feel the three little peas through the twenty mattresses and twenty feather beds. None but a real Princess could have had such a delicate sense of feeling. She replied. "I have scarcely closed my eyes the whole night through

**The Prince** accordingly made her his wife; being now convinced that he had found a real Princess. The three peas were however put into the cabinet of curiosities, where they are still to be seen, provided they are not lost.

Source: <https://www.storiestogrowby.org/audio-stories/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAaoP4OLEAs>

<https://archive.org/details/librivoxaudio>

### Task 6

**TOPIC:** The real princess fairy tale.

**OBJECTIVE:** To practice listening comprehension skill for supporting details

**While listening**

**Activity 2: Listen the story, and match four sentences (1–5) to the endings (a–g) to make the main ideas. You will not use two of the endings.**

**Write the number of the sentences.**

Sentences
1 There was once a Prince who ...
2 Put three little peas ...
3 she replied. "I have scarcely closed ...
4 he returned to his ...
5 A real Princess could have had such a...

The endings
a my eyes the whole night through.
b wished to marry a Princess.
c on the bedstead.
d delicate sense of feeling.
e palace quite cast down.
f time goes quickly.
g house with the princess.

**Activity 3: Decide if the sentences are true (T), false (F), or not given (NG).**

- 1 The Prince wished to marry a Princess.
- 2 He travelled all over the world in hopes of finding such a lady.
- 3 she was in a good condition.
- 4 it was plain that the lady must be a real Princess.
- 5 The prince is going to talk about the princess' mother.



**ACTIVITY 4: Listen to the story again and choose the correct letter.**

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ wished to marry.  
A prince      B king      C princess
- 2 Her \_\_\_\_\_ clung to her body.  
A shoes      B clothes      C hair
- 3 It was a Princess who was standing outside the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A class      B door      C hotel
- 4 He \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world in hopes of finding such a lady.  
A ran      B travelled      C went

#### **POST LISTENING**

**ACTIVITY 5 : Write up some ideas about If you were a prince or princess, \_\_\_\_\_. Work in pairs. Tell it to a partner.**

If I were a prince, I would like to have a lot of money to spend in poor people. People with cancer or diabetes. Also, I would like to build an orphanage. Then, marry with a humble and cute girl.

**Source:** (Hart B. , 2011) American English in mind