

The Prince and the Pauper

(adapted from a story by Mark Twain)

Once upon a time, there was a prince called Edward. He lived in a castle, but he didn't have any friends. One day, Edward saw a poor boy called Tom. 'Come into the castle and play with me!' he said.

'What's it like to be a prince?' asked Tom. 'I've got an idea!' said Edward. The boys decided to swap clothes.

'You look like me now!' said Edward. 'And you look like me!' said Tom.

The boys were hungry, so Edward went to find some food. He forgot that he had Tom's clothes on! An angry servant pushed Edward out of the castle. 'Stop! I'm the prince!' said Edward, but the servant just laughed.

Tom waited and waited. *Where's Edward?* he thought. He walked round the castle. He went up and down the stairs. He walked through the halls and across the huge rooms, but he couldn't find his new friend.

Tom was very tired. He returned to Edward's bedroom, got into the huge bed and went to sleep. In the morning, a servant walked through the door. 'Good morning, Prince Edward,' said the servant. 'Here are your clothes.' The clothes were beautiful, but they weren't very comfortable! *Where is Edward?* thought Tom.

Outside the castle, Edward had a terrible

night! In the morning, he went back to the castle. Tom was very happy to see him! 'Prince Edward!' said Tom.

What? '**You** are Prince Edward!' the servant said to Tom.

At that moment, the queen came into the castle. 'Edward? What are you doing in those old clothes?' she asked.

'Sorry, Mum,' apologised Edward.

'We were playing a game, Your Majesty!' said Tom. Everyone was very surprised. Then they all laughed. After that, Edward and Tom became very good friends.



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1. Read the story and do the activities below.**1 Match the sentences to the speaker.**

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| 1 'Come into the castle and play with me!' | a Tom |
| 2 'What's it like to be a prince?' | b Edward |
| 3 'Here are your clothes.' | c the queen |
| 4 'What are you doing in those old clothes?' | d the servant |

2 Answer the questions with full sentences.

- 1 Who didn't have any friends?
Edward didn't have any friends.
- 2 Why did Edward go to find food?

- 3 Why did the servant push Edward out of the castle?

- 4 Who did Tom look for in the castle?

- 5 Why does the story have a happy ending?

1 Read the story on Pupil's Book pages 24–25. Match to make sentences.

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| 1 Edward and Tom decided to | a some food. |
| 2 Tom wanted to know | b swap clothes. |
| 3 Edward went to find | c Tom's clothes on. |
| 4 He forgot he had | d apologised Edward. |
| 5 An angry servant pushed | e the prince again. |
| 6 <i>Where is Edward?</i> | f Edward out of the castle. |
| 7 'Sorry, Mum,' | g what it is like to be a prince. |
| 8 So Edward was | h thought Tom. |



Read the story on Pupil's Book pages 24–25.

Then complete the sentences.

- 1 Edward asked Tom into the castle because he wanted a friend.
- 2 They swapped clothes because _____.
- 3 The servant pushed Edward out of the castle because _____.
- 4 Tom walked round the castle because _____.
- 5 Edward had a terrible night because _____.
- 6 Everyone was surprised at the end because _____.

2. Complete the text

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The angry servant pushed Edward out of the castle. "You don't _____ a prince to me!" he said, and he closed the door.

"Oh no!" said Edward. "Why did I _____ clothes with Tom?" He _____ to walk to the village. *I need somewhere to sleep*, he thought. He _____ an empty house.

In the morning he went back to the castle. "Edward! It's you!" said the queen. "Why are you wearing those old clothes?" Edward was sorry. He _____ to his mother and he promised not to do it again. But he didn't _____ his night outside the castle. He know he was very lucky to be a prince.

3. Listen and read along the story many times.