

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.