



The Snow Goose and Other Stories

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Before reading

1 Write.

- a Imagine that you found a hurt bird and that the only man who knew about birds was a deformed person who lived alone in a far-away place. What would you do?
- b Imagine that you saw an amazing doll. It had a beautiful face, but its eyes were sad. Its clothes were made by hand, not by a machine. It looked like a real child. Who made the doll? What does he or she look like?
- c Imagine someone asks you how you can be sure you are in love. What would you answer?

While reading

The Snow Goose (Part 1)

2 Put the letters in the right place and use the words to write a description of Philip.

BAUNHCHCK LFTE MRA KEAW
TETWSID RIBD'S TOFO RINDFES
UCMONBTALEROF LTEENG TARHE
LULF FO VEOL

3 Complete the Lost Princess's story with the words below.

rest gun storm
shoot lost hurt
wings wind tired
south strange die
marsh lighthouse
broken girl

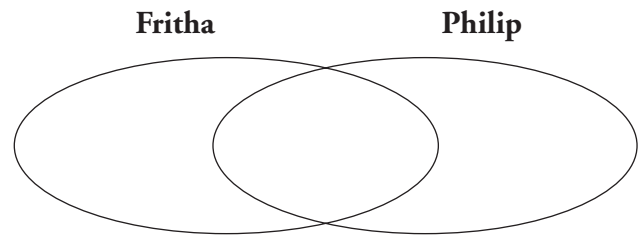


As I was flying from Canada, I flew into a great The picked me up. I have strong but they couldn't help me. When everything was calm, I realised I was flying over a place. I was and and when I came down to, a man with a tried to at me. I fell into a I was The end of my wing and my leg were..... I thought I was going to until this found me. She is carrying me to a Wish me luck!

The Snow Goose (Part 2)

4 Write.

Fritha and Philip are in love with each other but they don't realise how similar they are. Compare their personalities and their hobbies using the words below. There may be some words that don't fit either of them.



bad brave lover of all living things good
greedy happy kind lonely patient sad
shy painting bird-watching

5 Re-read pages 16–17. Close the book and complete the conversation between Fritha and Philip.

FRITHA	PHILIP
'Philip! Are you going away?'
'A journey?'	'Yes, I'll come back when I can.'
.....	'I must go to Dunkirk, 160 kilometres across the Channel. British soldiers are

'How do you know this?'
'And you are going,'	'....., I'm going to take my, Fritha.'
'You won't come back! Why must it be you?'	'Those soldiers are like Many of them are hurt, like the I can do something for them.'



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The Doll (Part 1)

6 Some letters in the dolls' advertisement disappeared! Help Doctor Amony read them by completing the words.

BE UTI UL Y-MAD D LLS

They seem al_i_e! C_ot_es are h_nd_ad_ and _a_es ha_d-_ai_ted! They only c_s_ twelve po_nd_!

7 What will Rose Callamit say if Doctor Amony tells Mary that he can make her leg straight? Complete the conversation below.



The Doll (Part 2)

8 You are Dr Amony. Explain to Anne what happened to her.

Complete the sentences and turn the verbs into the past. You may need to add some words.

- a aunt / take away / hopes
Example: *Your aunt took away your hopes.*
- b you / can / not / be / mother / so / make / beautiful / dolls
.....
- c you / love / dolls / like / children
.....
- d you / make / dolls / gently / carefully
.....
- e aunt / take away / give / nothing
.....
- f you / not / have / love / life
.....

The Silver Swans (Part 1)

9 Write Dr Fundoby's description with the information and the picture below.



stick hat white beard black old large wooden walks painter

10 Dr Fundoby says that if you can love somebody when they are ill, you can be sure that you are in love with them. Work with a partner and think of other tests of true love.

The Silver Swans (Part 2)

11 You are Thetis.

Write a letter to Dr Fundoby thanking him for all his help and tell him what your married life with Richard Hadley is like.

After reading

12 Work with another student.

Think of a sentence about any of the three stories. The sentence can be true or false. Don't show the sentences to your partner.

Student A: Read your sentence to Student B.

Student B must answer *True* or *False*.

Student B: Then read your sentence to Student A. Student A must answer *True* or *False*.

13 Write.

Think about the characters and the situations of the three stories. Can you find any similarities?

14 You have been asked to direct a film about any of the stories that appear in *The Snow Goose*.

a Decide which of the stories you liked best. Explain why it could be a great film.

b Choose local or international actors to play the characters in *The Snow Goose* and justify your choice.



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The Snow Goose

Part 1

1 Who says these things? What/Who are they talking about?

- a 'I found *it*.'
- b '*That's* a big country far, far away across the ocean.'
- c '*They* arrive in October.'
- d 'They have to stay *here*.'
- e 'Is *she* leaving *us*?'
- f '*She* remembered *our* kindness and returned.'

Part 2

2 Circle the correct answer.

- a In the spring of 1940 the snow goose ...
 - 1 flew north with the other birds.
 - 2 stayed at the lighthouse.
- b In the spring of 1940 Philip ...
 - 1 realised that he was in love with Fritha.
 - 2 told Fritha that he was in love with her.
- c The British soldiers waited for the German planes to hit them because ...
 - 1 they were too sick and tired to move.
 - 2 they knew that Philip was coming to rescue them.
- d At Dunkirk, Philip rescued seven men at a time from the beach ...
 - 1 and took them back to the British coast.
 - 2 and took them to a bigger boat.
- e The men who saw the small sailing boat are alive because...
 - 1 Philip saved them.
 - 2 they couldn't get near it.
- f Fritha knew that Philip was dead...
 - 1 when the snow goose came back to the lighthouse alone.
 - 2 before the snow goose came back to the lighthouse.

The Doll

Part 1

3 Complete these sentences.

- a remembered that it was his niece's birthday the next week.
- b was half-hidden in the corner of the window.
- c took the doll from the window and gave her to me.
- d never says very much when she comes into the shop.

- e seemed to think that money was more important than a sick person.
- f was not more than twenty-five years old.
- g saw the pain and hopelessness in her face.
- h doesn't want her to think about the fact that she'll never marry.

Part 2

4 Look at these sentences about the story.

Underline the words that are wrong and write the right words.

- a Dr Amomy knew that Rose Callamit made the dolls.
- b Mary's leg was twisted in a train crash.
- c Mary sold the dolls that she made.
- d When Mary was ill, she stopped making dolls, and Rose Callamit was pleased.
- e Mary was dying because everyone loved her.
- f She made dolls because she had children.
- g She wasn't surprised when Dr Amomy said he loved her.
- h When Mary married Stephen she started making dolls.

The Silver Swans

Part 1

5 Complete these sentences.

- a She called herself Thetis because ...
- b She asked Dr Fundoby about love because ...
- c When Dr Fundoby saw the dirty swans, he said that Thetis was going to find her true love because ...
- d Richard Hadley asked Thetis for some cotton because ...
- e Thetis gave Dr Fundoby some medicine because ...

Part 2

6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Richard Hadley asked Dr Fundoby to go and see a play with him.
- b It was a happy play. Thetis played a young girl who falls in love with an older man.
- c Dr Fundoby heard a deep laugh from Thetis's room.
- d Richard Hadley came on to the *Nerine* in bad weather to tell Thetis he loved her.
- e Richard Hadley, Lord Struve, is a captain.