



The Young King and Other Stories

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While reading

Story 1

- 1 Find the right words in Story 1.
 - a The opposite of wide. (p. 2)
 - b This person is the boss and people work for him or her. (p. 2)
 - c An expensive metal. (p. 2)
 - d It's a part of the body. People wear belts around it. (p. 4)
 - e A red thing we have in our bodies. (p. 4)
 - f A lot of people in one place together. (p. 4)
 - g Something you can see your face in. (p. 4)
 - h It's a type of flower. (p. 6)
- 2 **Underline the wrong word(s) and put the right one(s).**
 - a The king's daughter married a musician.
 - b One day, a rich man saw the young king in front of a picture from Paris.
 - c The men on the ship put the pearls in a black bag.
 - d Blood was coming from the slave's ears and nose.
 - e The priest was a young man.
 - f White flowers grew from the young king's coat.

Story 2

- 3 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.
 - a pipe Indian music a An played on man
 - b gave The rose dwarf Infanta the white a
 - c through The little dwarf little went a door
 - d books red were There table round a big on
 - e dwarf rose pieces pulled The to the
 - f heart dwarf a The died broken of
- 4 **What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.**
 - a The dwarf hit the floor with his hands.
 - b The Infanta gave the dwarf a rose.
 - c The dwarf died.

- d The king went to see his dead queen.
- e The dwarf danced in front of the Infanta.
- f The dwarf saw himself in a mirror.

Story 3

- 5 Put words on the left with words on the right.

look	in pieces
fall	sad
finish	lands
break	asleep
throw	a story
strange	away
- 6 Put the **underlined** letters in the right order to make a word.
 - a The little bird heard the sound of dancing in the lpcaea
 - b A clever man thought it was nasuluu to see that kind of bird.
 - c The little bird told the prince strange and dfowelurn things.
 - d The children's faces became gbehrtir when the swallow gave them the gold.
 - e An ptotmrnia man looked up at the statue.
 - f God's rnsvseta brought Him the heart and the bird.
- 7 **Circle the right words.**
 - a The bird stayed on the statue because there was plenty of fresh *food / air / water*.
 - b When he was alive the prince lived in a *house / shop / palace*.
 - c The prince's heart was made of *metal / gold / silver*.
 - d A woman was making a *dress / coat / hat* for the queen's ladies.
 - e The bird's *brothers / parents / friends* were waiting for him in Egypt.
 - f The prince's eyes were made of beautiful *green / blue / grey* stones.
 - g The important man thought that the prince looked like a *beggar / king / painter*.

Story 4

- 8 **Circle the wrong word in the sentences.**
 - a The mermaids hair was as like gold.
 - b The fisherman tried to touching touch the mermaid.
 - c The witch lived near of the beach.



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- d The witch thought that she was as beautiful than as the mermaid.
- e The fisherman knew that something was watched watching him.
- f The mermaid put her arms around through the fisherman's neck.
- g The fisherman's heart broke broken when he kissed the dead mermaid.

9 Finish the sentences with the right words.

special wise deep heavy bad metal wild

- a The fisherman's net was very because a mermaid was in it.
- b The mermaid had blue eyes.
- c The witch fought against the fisherman like a cat.
- d The soul saw a mirror on a stone table.
- e The king gave the soul his ring.
- f The fisherman wanted to tell the mermaid about the things he did.
- g The fisherman thought that love was better than being or rich.

10 Underline the wrong word(s) and put the right one(s).

- a The mermaid was awake in the net.
- b The mermaid was the sister of the King of the Sea.
- c The King of the Sea was a young man.
- d The witches knew the fisherman was on the mountain when they saw him.
- e The soul bought the mirror from the priest.
- f If the fisherman has the ring, he will be wiser than all the kings.
- g The fisherman paid the man and took the bags of gold.

Story 5

11 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The nightingale has seen many true lovers.
- b The red rose tree was under the students window.
- c The student understood what the nightingale was saying.

- d The first song the bird sang to the tree was about death.
- e The girl's pet was a little cat.
- f An officer gave the girl some jewels.

12 Finish the sentences.

- a The first rose tree couldn't give the bird a red rose because
- b The red rose tree has no flowers because
- c The bird thought that the heart of a man was more
- d The student only knew things that were
- e The bird did not see the red rose because
- f The red rose would not go with

Story 6

13 Answer the questions.

- a What did the woodcutters think was in the coat?
- b Where did the woodcutter put the coat?
- c When was the child found in the forest?
- d How long did the child look for his mother?
- e Who did the child give the pieces of gold to?
- f What did the child do when he became king?

14 Put words on the left with words on the right.

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| lose | stones |
| gates of | your way |
| sad | noise |
| look after | men |
| loud | ending |
| throw | someone |
| wise | the city |

Story 7

15 Find the right words in Story 7.

- a It's a season of the year. (p. 60)
- b It's green and it grows in the garden. (p. 61)
- c It is very cold and hard. (p. 61)
- d It's a part of the body. (p. 62)



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1 Put the number of the story next to the sentences.

- a Someone kills a person with a knife.
- b Someone builds a wall.
- c Someone dances and makes people laugh.
- d There is a girl selling eggs.
- e Someone dreams of seeing slaves on a ship.
- f A student is in love with a girl.
- g A boy says bad things to his mother.
- h A boy has blood on his hands and feet.
- i A boy hurts some animals.
- j Someone is crowned king by God.
- k A king talks to his dead queen.
- l A bird sings beautiful songs.
- m Someone dies in the sea.
- n A bird dies from the cold.

2 Put the words next to the right story.

a witch white gold a statue a dry river a thorn
a dwarf a cold garden a mermaid a dead stick
beautiful songs Egypt Spain fruit trees
a gold coat

- Story 1
- Story 2
- Story 3
- Story 4
- Story 5
- Story 6
- Story 7

3 Tick (✓) the right ending to finish the sentences.

- a When the young king told the men about his dreams they
 - 1) thought he was serious.
 - 2) thought he was joking.
 - 3) thought he was crazy.
- b At the beginning of the story, the dwarf
 - 1) knew he was ugly but wasn't worried.
 - 2) knew he was ugly and was unhappy.
 - 3) didn't know he was ugly.
- c The men put the statue of the prince
 - 1) in a river.
 - 2) in a house.
 - 3) in a fire.
- d The witch wanted the fisherman to
 - 1) give her his gold.
 - 2) dance with her.
 - 3) marry the mermaid.

- e The officer gave the girl
 - 1) a red rose.
 - 2) some jewels.
 - 3) a pet cat.
- f The men did not want the star child because
 - 1) they thought he would bring bad luck.
 - 2) they already had a lot of children.
 - 3) he was ugly.
- g The giant loved the little boy because
 - 1) he kissed him.
 - 2) he asked him to play in his garden.
 - 3) he made the flowers grow.

4 Finish the sentences with the right names.

The Star Child The Giant The Young King
The Nightingale The Fisherman The Student
The Infanta The Happy Prince A Witch

- a did not want to wear fine clothes.
- b had a beautiful garden.
- c died in the sea.
- d read a lot of books.
- e gave his eyes to poor people.
- f was beautiful, then ugly, then beautiful again.
- g only wanted to play with people without hearts.
- h gave someone a knife to cut away his soul.
- i died while singing a song.

5 Answer the questions.

- a Who was waiting in the church to crown the young king?
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- b Why didn't the dwarf know that he was ugly?
.....
- c Why didn't the bird go back to Egypt?
.....
- d Why did the soul make the fisherman do bad things?
.....
- e Why did the student want a red rose?
.....
- f What did the star child have to find in the forest?
.....
- g Where did the children find the dead giant?
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