

The Prince and the Pauper

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The story step by step

- 1 Listen to the first part of Chapter 1, about the birth of the prince and the pauper (from 'Nearly five hundred years ago' to 'and he wore rags'). Complete the gaps. Check your answers on p.8 of the book or in the answer key.

Nearly five hundred years ago in London, two baby boys were born on the same day. One family wanted their baby (1) very much . This baby wore beautiful, expensive (2) _____ .

His family and lots of (3) _____ took care of him. He was Edward Tudor, the future (4) _____ of England.

(5) _____ in England wanted this baby. When he arrived, the country was very (6) _____ . There was a (7) _____ , and everybody had big (8) _____ . People kissed each other and danced in the (9) _____ .

The other baby boy's (10) _____ were very (11) _____ and they did not want another (12) _____ . This baby was called Tom Canty. (13) _____ danced for him. He was a (14) _____ and he wore rags.

- 2 Listen to Chapter 1 (from 'For nine years, Tom Canty lived in a small house' to 'and he cried'). Complete the gaps with the people from the box. Be careful! You need more than one name for some of the answers. Check your answers on pp.9–10 of the book or in the answer key.

Father Andrew Tom Tom's father Tom's grandmother Tom's mother Tom's sisters

- 1 Tom's mother and father slept in a bed.
- 2 _____ were both fifteen years old.
- 3 _____ were not clever people, but they were kind and friendly.
- 4 _____ often hit Tom.
- 5 _____ did not work and he stole money.
- 6 _____ begged for money in the streets.
- 7 _____ was happy. He thought everybody was poor.
- 8 _____ sometimes played with his friends.
- 9 _____ was a good man.
- 10 _____ taught Tom to read and write.
- 11 _____ sometimes pretended he was a prince.
- 12 _____ wanted to see a prince very much.

- 3 Listen to the first part of Chapter 2 (from 'The morning after his dream' to "'Go away, beggar boy!'"). List all the adjectives you hear. Check your answers in the answer key.

sad, _____

- 4 Listen to Chapter 2 (from "'What's your name?' he said' to "'That sounds wonderful!' the prince said'). Write the questions that go with Tom's answers. Check your answers on pp.11–13 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 *What's your name* _____ ?
 Tom Canty.
- 2 _____ ?
 In Offal Court, near London Bridge.
- 3 _____ ?
 Oh yes. I've also got two sisters and a grandmother.
- 4 _____ ?
 Because she's a bad woman.
- 5 _____ ?
 No, he hits me, too.
- 6 _____ ?
 No, my mother and my sisters are very kind.
- 7 _____ ?
 They haven't got any servants.
- 8 _____ ?
 We all get dressed ourselves and we don't have many clothes.
- 9 _____ ?
 I don't go to school.
- 10 Tell me about _____ ?
 Yes. Sometimes there are puppet shows and plays in the street.

5 Listen to Chapter 3. Pay special attention to how the words below are pronounced. Group the words according to the pronunciation of the underlined letter 'a'. Check your answers in the answer key.

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| pal <u>a</u> ce | l <u>a</u> st | s <u>a</u> w | st <u>a</u> rted |
| g <u>a</u> tes | w <u>a</u> lked | pl <u>a</u> ying | r <u>a</u> in |
| l <u>a</u> ughed | pl <u>a</u> ce | <u>a</u> ll | m <u>a</u> n |
| c <u>a</u> lled | f <u>a</u> ther | m <u>a</u> ster | t <u>a</u> lking |
| an <u>a</u> ry | h <u>a</u> ppily | m <u>a</u> de | m <u>a</u> d |

/æ/	/ɑ:/	/eɪ/	/ɔ:/
palace	laughed	gates	called

6 Listen to Chapter 4. Choose the words you do NOT hear. Check your answers on pp.17–20 of the book or in the answer key.

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| 1 furniture: | chair | mirror | sofa |
| 2 adjectives: | beautiful | expensive | intelligent |
| 3 titles: | lady | lord | prince |
| 4 places: | church | prison | room |
| 5 languages: | English | French | Latin |
| 6 times: | evening | today | tomorrow |

7 Listen to the first half of Chapter 5 (from 'John Canty took the prince to Offal Court' to 'This boy might not be her son'). Put the following twelve events in the correct order. The first and last ones are already correct. Check your answers on pp.20–21 of the book or in the answer key.

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| a John Canty took the prince to Offal Court. | <input type="text" value="1"/> |
| b Mrs Canty thought her son was mad and started to cry. | <input type="text"/> |
| c Nan and Bet put straw on the prince to make him warm. | <input type="text"/> |
| d The prince shouted and tried to run away. | <input type="text"/> |
| e John Canty pulled the prince into the Cantys' room. | <input type="text"/> |
| f The prince went to sleep. | <input type="text"/> |
| g Mrs Canty tried to stop them but she could not. | <input type="text"/> |
| h John Canty was very angry and he hit the prince again and again. | <input type="text"/> |
| i Mrs Canty went over to the prince and gave him some food. | <input type="text"/> |
| j John Canty hit Father Andrew on the head with a stick. | <input type="text"/> |
| k Grandmother Canty hit the prince. | <input type="text"/> |
| l Mrs Canty woke the prince up. | <input type="text" value="12"/> |

- 8 Listen to the first part of Chapter 6 (from 'At one o'clock, there was a knock on Tom's door' to "'But you are a prince!'"). Tom has made some notes about what a prince does for himself and what his servants do for him. Complete the gaps. Check your answers on pp.23–26 of the book or in the answer key.

1 The prince usually wears different clothes for lunch .

2 The servant usually helps the prince to get _____ .

3 At lunch, only the prince _____ .

4 The Servant of the Cup puts _____ in the prince's _____ .

5 The servant _____ the _____ into little pieces for the prince.

6 The prince never eats with _____ .

7 The servants bring a _____ of water for the prince to _____ his fingers in.

8 The Lord _____ always takes the prince back to his _____ .

9 The prince does not put _____ in his _____ .

10 The prince does not say _____ or _____ .

- 9 Listen to Chapter 7. Complete the gaps with the imperative verbs from the box. Check your answers on pp.28–30 of the book or in the answer key.

Be Come Don't be Don't hit Leave Look Stop

- 1 ' Don't be _____ stupid!' said a woman.
- 2 ' _____ , ' she said to her friends. 'This boy thinks he's Prince Edward!'
- 3 ' _____ quiet!' they said to him. ' _____ saying you're the prince!'
- 4 ' _____ him!' shouted a very tall man, suddenly.
- 5 'He's only a boy! _____ him!'
- 6 ' _____ with me! I will hit you for running away from me!'
- 10 Listen to Chapter 8. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Check your answers on pp.30–33 of the book or in the answer key.
- 1 Edward felt very sad because his father was dead. T
- 2 Edward was frightened of King Henry because he was often angry. ____
- 3 Edward could not stop crying about his father. ____
- 4 Edward did not like Miles's room because it was dirty. ____
- 5 Miles thought Edward was ill. ____

- 6 The servants prepared dinner for Miles and Edward. ____
- 7 Miles could not sit down while Edward ate his soup. ____
- 8 To say thank you to Miles for being kind, Edward said that in future he could sit down in front of the king. ____
- 9 Miles's brother Hugh was a good man and loved Miles because he was his brother. ____
- 10 Miles loved his cousin, Lady Edith. ____
- 11 When Edward told Miles the story about him and Tom swapping clothes, Miles believed him. ____
- 12 Miles went to the market to buy Edward some new clothes. ____

- 11 Listen to the second half of Chapter 9 (from 'He looked out of the window and saw a group of people' to 'He's really clever!'). Match the dialogue exchanges. Check your answers on pp.35–36 of the book or in the answer key.

1 What are they doing?	a We will see!
2 Why are they going to prison?	b No, sir. People say we are witches because we are poor.
3 There aren't any witches.	c The people are following two prisoners.
4 How did they start a storm?	d They are witches.
5 Can you start a storm?	e They said some words ... and they took off their shoes.
6 If they take off their shoes, there will be a terrible storm or perhaps something worse!	f But these two girls are witches!

- 12 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 10 (from 'Miles could not find his young friend' to 'One day someone said she was a witch.'). Choose the correct conjunctions, *and* or *but*. Check your answers on pp.37–38 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 He looked everywhere and / but Edward was gone.
- 2 He saw Miles leave the room and / but go to the market.
- 3 Edward tried to run away and / but John Canty ran faster.
- 4 There were lots of men in the barn and / but they were sitting around a fire.
- 5 He shouted for help and / but Miles was not there.
- 6 'You are mad and / but you must be quiet,' replied John Canty.
- 7 'I killed Father Andrew and / but now I am hiding.'
- 8 'My mother is dead and / but my sisters are in the palace,' said Edward.
- 9 He made Edward sit in the corner and / but he sat with the group of men.
- 10 'My wife was a nurse and / but she helped sick people.'

- 13 Listen to Chapter 11. Choose the correct answers. Check your answers on pp.41–43 of the book or in the answer key.
- 1 Edward felt ...
 - a hungry.
 - b tired.
 - c both hungry and tired. ✓
 - 2 Edward and Miles spent the night ...
 - a at Hendon Hall.
 - b in a hotel.
 - c outside.
 - 3 The door to Hendon Hall was opened by ...
 - a a servant.
 - b a stranger.
 - c Miles's brother.
 - 4 Edward thought Miles's brother looked ...
 - a friendly and kind.
 - b unfriendly and unkind.
 - c different from Miles.
 - 5 Miles's brother said that ...
 - a he did not recognize him.
 - b he was happy to see him.
 - c Miles was on holiday.
 - 6 When Miles learnt that his father was dead, he ...
 - a was not surprised.
 - b was not upset.
 - c was upset.
 - 7 Lady Edith was ...
 - a Hugh's wife.
 - b Miles's wife.
 - c not married.
 - 8 Miles told Hugh he ...
 - a was leaving Hendon Hall.
 - b had to go to prison.
 - c wanted to stay at Hendon Hall.

- 14 Listen to the first part of Chapter 12 (from 'Once again, Edward and Miles were in trouble' to "'He was a good man.'"). Tick (✓) the jobs you hear. Check your answers on pp.44–45 of the book or in the answer key.

farmer ✓	judge	policeman	actor
king	baker	guard	servant
doctor	politician	vet	postman

- 15 Listen to Chapter 13. Complete the gaps with past simple verbs. Check your answers on pp.47–48 of the book or in the answer key.

Tom slowly (1) learnt how to be a king. After a few days, he (2) _____ to enjoy his new life. He (3) _____ not frightened now and he (4) _____ living in the palace. He really (5) _____ telling people what to do. They (6) _____ to everything he (7) _____ and (8) _____ everything he (9) _____ them to. No one (10) _____ he (11) _____ mad.

Tom (12) _____ sleeping on the big, soft bed. When he (13) _____ to sleep all day, he (14) _____ the servants to leave him alone and they (15) _____. He (16) _____ chicken at every meal. He (17) _____ all the food in the palace and he (18) _____ never hungry.

Tom also (19) _____ having servants now because it (20) _____ so easy. He did not have to get dressed, wash, cut his food, pour his water or get ready for bed. The servants (21) _____ everything for him. He (22) _____ this so much that he (23) _____ hundreds more servants.

He also (24) _____ the rich clothes and he (25) _____ many more. The clothes a young king (26) _____ (27) _____ even better than the clothes of the prince. He (28) _____ lots of red and gold coats made of very expensive materials. Tom (29) _____ wonderful when he (30) _____ them, like a real king!

When he (31) _____ bored, he (32) _____ in the big palace gardens with Lady Jane and Lady Elizabeth. They (33) _____ games and they (34) _____, too. The young girls (35) _____ friendly and funny. Tom (36) _____ them.

Tom (37) _____ so busy that he (38) _____ about Edward or his own family very often. He (39) _____ Edward was happy, and he (40) _____ his mother and his sisters. But he (41) _____ them to come to the palace. He (42) _____ to be a pauper again. Sometimes, this (43) _____ him feel bad. Then he would buy a new coat or walk in the palace gardens, and he (44) _____ happy again.

- 16 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 14 (from 'On the morning of the coronation' to 'Everybody was happy.'). Match the adjectives you hear to the nouns. Check your answers on pp.48–49 of the book or in the answer key.

1 expensive	a carriage
2 silk	b coat
3 gold	c clothes
4 big	d king
5 leather	e hat
6 real	f parade
7 fine	g shirt
8 huge	h shoes

- 17 Listen to part of Chapter 15 (from "'Sir, I need to ask some questions ...'" to 'The Lord Protector was very pleased'). Tick (✓) the things Edward did to prove to the Lord Protector that he was the king. Check your answers on p.53 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 He told him how many rooms there were in the palace. ✓
- 2 He told him how many bedrooms there were in the palace.
- 3 He described the king's bathroom.
- 4 He described the king's bedroom.
- 5 He told him about his sisters.
- 6 He told him about his brothers.
- 7 He spoke in Italian.
- 8 He spoke in Latin.
- 9 He spoke in Greek.
- 10 He spoke in German.
- 11 He spoke in French.
- 12 He told him the names of all the servants.
- 13 He told him how many servants the king had.
- 14 He told him what was eaten at royal breakfasts.
- 15 He told him what was eaten at royal banquets.

- 18 Listen to the end of Chapter 16 (from "'Thank you for everything, my king'" to 'when he was a pauper'). Say what happened to the characters in the story. Check your answers on pp.56–58 of the book or in the answer key.

1 What happened to Hugh?

Hugh didn't go to prison.

2 What happened to Miles?

3 What happened to Tom's mother and his sisters?

4 What happened to John Canty and Grandmother Canty?

5 What happened to Tom?

6 What happened to Edward?
