

THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER

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LEVEL 2



WORDS USED

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KEY WORDS

city
floor
gate
part
rag
sister

everyone
happen
hurt
say
tried
wasn't

beautiful
dish
nut
open
silly
wash

ate
beside
real
seat
stick
today

able
fourth
important
isn't
unhappy
useful

NECESSARY WORDS

guard
pauper
prince

news

dead
holiday
honor
power

difficult

Two Boys



*The people danced and sang when the new prince was born.
But no one sang for the poor boy.*

Preview:

1. Read the name of the story.
2. Look at the picture.
3. Read the sentences under the picture.
4. Read the first paragraph of the story.
5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that long ago, on the same day,
 a. two boys were born.
 b. two princes were born.
 c. two kings were born.
 d. two girls were born.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to find out what happens when Tom meets the prince.

Two Boys

A long time ago, in the city of London, a poor family had a new baby boy. On the very same day, the king and his wife had a baby, too. All the people were happy about the king's baby boy. They sang and danced in the streets. Edward, the new little prince, had fine clothes. He could have anything he wanted.

The other baby was named Tom Canty. No one sang or danced for him. A rag was all that kept him warm. His family did not know how they would find food for him.

Tom Canty lived in a poor, dirty part of London. He did not even have a bed and had to sleep on the floor. So did his sister Bet and his other sister, Nan. Tom's mother and sisters were good and kind, but his father was not.

Every day, Tom's father sent him out to ask people for money. If Tom came home with nothing, his father would be angry.

Young Tom did not go to school. A kind man named Father Andrew showed him how to read and write. Father Andrew told wonderful stories, too, all about kings and princes.

Tom wished he had fine, clean clothes like a prince. But there was one thing he

wanted more than anything. His big wish was to see a prince with his own eyes.

One day Tom found himself in a strange part of the city. Suddenly he saw a great gate of gold. And then he saw something that almost made him shout. It was a boy dressed in shiny clothes, with a long feather in his cap. Tom's eyes were big with wonder. He knew this boy must be a prince.

Just then, one of the guards at the gate pulled Tom away. The young prince cried, "Do not hurt the boy! Open the gate."

Inside, Prince Edward asked Tom about his family and his life. Tom told him about his two sisters.

"I wish I could run and play as you do," said the prince.

"I wish I could, just once, wear fine clothes as you do," said Tom.

"Then take off your rags," said the prince, throwing his own clothes to the floor. Soon the two boys were dressed in each other's clothes. But what a surprise!

"We look so much like each other that you could be my twin," cried the prince. "Only our clothes are different."

Then the prince saw that

Tom's hand was cut. He rose to go find the guard who had hurt Tom. But first, he took something round and shiny off the table. He looked for a place to hide it. Then he ran out to tell the guard he should not have hit Tom. To the prince's surprise, the guard threw him into the road.

"I am the prince!" Edward shouted.

The guard and the others just laughed. This was no prince. This was just a poor boy dressed in rags. Nothing but a pauper!

Two Boys

VOCABULARY CHECK

city

floor

gate

part

rag

sister

I. Sentences to Finish

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.

1. When the little boy's toy fell on the _____, he cried.
2. My _____ and I wear each other's clothes.
3. I used an old _____ to clean the windows.
4. We went to the _____ to see the new play.
5. I closed the _____ so the cat wouldn't run away.
6. I gave _____ of my cake to my little sister.

II. Making Sense of Sentences

Put a check next to YES if the sentence makes sense. Put a check next to NO if the sentence does not make sense.

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| 1. A <u>floor</u> can be found behind the house. | _____ YES | _____ NO |
| 2. Jane put on her best <u>rag</u> for the party. | _____ YES | _____ NO |
| 3. If my mother has another girl she will be my <u>sister</u> . | _____ YES | _____ NO |
| 4. If you read <u>part</u> of a book, you have read it all. | _____ YES | _____ NO |
| 5. A <u>gate</u> is part of a fence. | _____ YES | _____ NO |
| 6. There are many things to see and do in the <u>city</u> . | _____ YES | _____ NO |

Check your answers with the key on page 69.