

Tales from Hans Andersen

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While reading

The Ugly Duckling, pages 1–7

1 Put these sentences in the right order 1–12.

- a A big dog found the ugly duckling.
- b A large ugly duck came out of the last egg.
- c Men with guns killed the geese.
- d Some children tried to catch the ugly duckling.
- e The ducklings started to swim.
- f The little ducklings pushed the big ugly duckling away.
- g the mother duck said to the ugly duckling 'Go away.'
- h The ugly duckling found he was really a swan.
- i The ugly duckling ran away.
- j The ugly duckling watched some swans in the sky.
- k The young swan was very happy.
- l Two geese wanted the ugly duckling to live with them.

2 Find the opposites. You can choose one or more words from the box.

bad beautiful hot kind new pretty
sad small thin unhappy young

- a big
- b cold
- c fat
- d good
- e happy
- f old
- g ugly
- h unkind

The Nightingale, pages 10–13

3 Match the two halves of these sentences.

- 1 The old man stood and listened ...
 - 2 The visitors said, 'Nothing is as beautiful ...'
 - 3 The king wanted the nightingale ...
 - 4 The servants took the nightingale ...
 - 5 When the nightingale sang, ...
 - 6 When the king was ill ...
 - 7 The nightingale couldn't stay in the king's palace because ...
- a to sing to him that night.
 - b the nightingale came to sing to him.
 - c to the palace.
 - d to the little bird.
 - e his home was in the woods.
 - f as the nightingale's voice.
 - g the king started to cry.

4 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

bird kitchen palace shoes
trees wood wood

- a The king lived in a beautiful
- b A nightingale lived in a tree in the
- c The king said, 'I don't know this
- d The king's servant found a young girl in the palace
- e The nightingale said, 'I live happily in the green
- f The king said, 'Your songs make me happy. I'll give you some pretty
- g The nightingale in the box was made of

The Little Mermaid, pages 1–7

5 Answer these questions.

- a How many children does the Sea King have?
- b Who was the most beautiful of these princesses?
- c What runs after the third mermaid when she visited the land?
- d Why does the prince's ship go down?
- e Where does the prince live?
- f How long do mermaids live for?
- g What does the old woman give the mermaid?
- h Who does the prince marry?
- i Why doesn't the little mermaid kill the prince?
- j What do the children in the sky do?

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- 6 Put the words in the right order.**
- a of / sea / sister / swim / The / the / the / to / to / top / wanted / youngest
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 - b The / river / sister / swam / the / third / up
.....
 - c a / beautiful / big / blue / eyes / man / most / prince / The / was / with / young
.....
 - d church / left / mermaid / near / prince / The / the / the
.....
 - e about / everything / know / land / mermaid / people / The / the / to / wanted
.....
 - f afraid / on / people / ship / The / the / were
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The Emperor's New Clothes, pages 10–13

- 7 Who said or thought these things? Choose the right person from the box. You can choose the same name more than once.**

the emperor the emperor's servant the child
the two bad men the father of the child

- a 'Only clever people can see it.'
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- b 'They're stupid people.'
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- c 'Oh, it's very good, very good.'
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- d 'Put them on.'
.....
- e 'The emperor has no clothes.'
.....
- f 'Be quiet!'
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- 8 Put the words in the box in the right places.**

put put said see see took
touched walked went

- a The emperor to the men's house with his servants.
- b The two bad men out their arms.
- c 'Here are your clothes,' the men said. '..... them on.'
- d 'Yes, yes!' said the servants. But they could not the clothes.

- e The emperor off his old shirt and trousers.
- f The two men round him and his arms and legs.
- g 'We can't any clothes,' the servants thought. But they nothing.

Thumbelina, pages 10–13

- 9 Answer these questions.**
- a What does the old woman give the woman who wanted a child?
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 - b Where does the woman first find Thumbelina?
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 - c Why does the old toad take Thumbelina?
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 - d Why does the toad put Thumbelina and the flower in the river?
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 - e Who hears Thumbelina crying and helps her?
.....
 - f Who takes Thumbelina up into a tree?
.....
 - g Who lives in a small house in a field?
.....
 - h Why doesn't Thumbelina want to marry the mole?
.....
 - i Where does the little bird take Thumbelina?
.....
 - j What is Thumbelina's new name?
.....

After reading

- 10 Complete each sentence.**
- a The first story is about an duckling with no friends.
 - b The second story is about a little in the lovely wood and a king in a palace.
 - c In the third story a mermaid a handsome prince and wants to live with him on land.
 - d The fourth story is about an emperor's very strange new
 - e The last story is about a very small, Thumbelina.

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1 The Ugly Duckling: Who said these sentences? Match.

- 1 'I want you to go away!'
 - 2 'Can you make a nice noise?'
 - 3 'The new bird's very young and beautiful.'
 - 4 'Give us some eggs!'
 - 5 'Come with us and be a wild bird.'
- a duck
 - b geese
 - c cat
 - d hen
 - e children

2 The Nightingale: Complete these sentences with the right words from the box.

about from inside through to with

- a The palace had a big garden a lot of lovely flowers.
- b People walked a beautiful wood the sea.
- c Visitors other countries came to see the king.
- d Visitors wrote books the city.

3 The Little Mermaid: Put these sentences in order.

- a The prince married his princess.
- b The little mermaid saw a beautiful prince.
- c The old woman gave little mermaid the magic drink.
- d The little mermaid was a sky person.
- e The little mermaid couldn't speak or sing.

4 The Emperor's New Clothes: Put these words into three groups: clothes / people / places.

child county emperor father
friend house man palace servant
shirt street trousers woman

clothes	people	places
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5 The Thumbelina: Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Thumbelina was happy to marry the toad's son.
- b The beetles thought Thumbelina had six legs.
- c The mole liked Thumbelina.
- d The bird put Thumbelina on a red flower.
- e The prince gave Thumbelina a new name.

6 Answer these questions.

- 1 What kind of birds did the ugly duckling see in the sky?
 - a swans
 - b ducks
- 2 What did the children throw into the water for the swans?
 - a stones
 - b bread
- 3 Where did the king live?
 - a in a palace
 - b in the wood
- 4 What did the king want to give the nightingale after she sang to him?
 - a some beautiful flowers
 - b some pretty shoes
- 5 What was the little mermaid's father?
 - a the Sea King
 - b the Sea Emperor
- 6 Where did the mermaid first see the prince?
 - a in a church
 - b on a ship
- 7 Who can see the emperor's new clothes?
 - a two bad men
 - b nobody
- 8 Who first said, 'The emperor has no clothes.?'
 - a a little child
 - b a servant
- 9 Which animal takes Thumbelina away from her home?
 - a a toad
 - b a mole
- 10 Who does Thumbelina tell a story to every day?
 - a a bird
 - b a field mouse