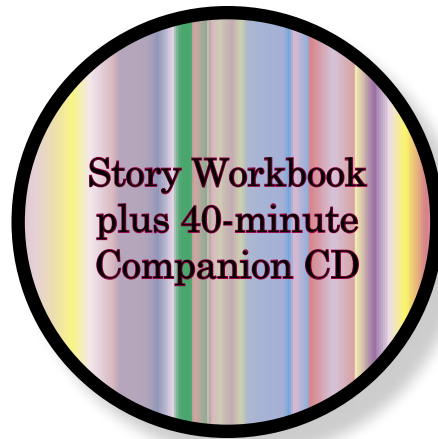


Mirror and the Beast Story and Workbook

Mirror and the Beast

tells the story of a solitary young prince, left alone in his castle, who gradually turns into a beast. As long as the evil mirror holds him prisoner, it seems that no one is able to help.



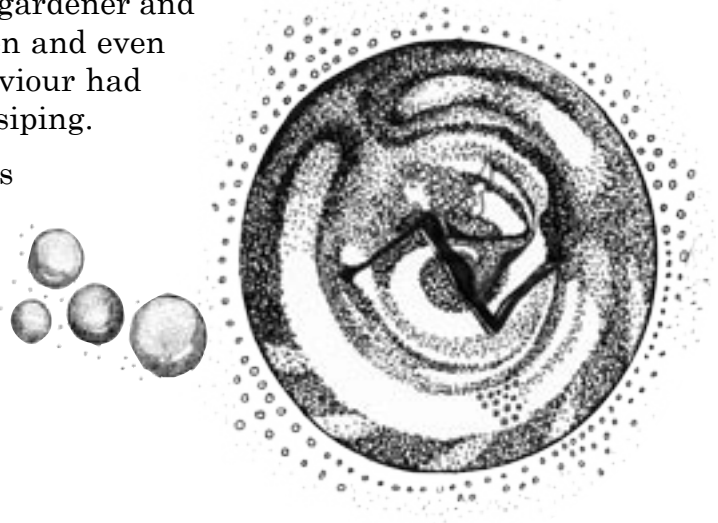
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There once lived a young Prince. First his father died, and then his mother. Then his twin sister, Amanda, whom he loved very much, went away to marry the King of Mireneh, leaving him quite alone. At first the Prince felt lonely, but **gradually** he got used to his **solitude** and even began to like it. For company he had a family of noisy **swallows** who **nested** in the branches of the rose tree. And when the swallows had all flown away, he would look for the tiny Watersprite who lived in a silver bubble at the bottom of the fountain.

The Prince tried very hard to make friends with the Watersprite, but sometimes she was gay and bubbly and other times she was **moody**. Some mornings she would come floating up to talk to him, but very often she would not. And even though he woke up earlier and earlier each morning, he could never catch the tiny **glittering** Sunsprite who slid over the hill at sunrise, but then raced away, without warning, leaving a **trail of sundrops** over the lawn.

So most of the time the Prince had no one to talk to, for he had sent away the gardener and the maidservants and the footmen and even the cook. Now, this strange behaviour had started all the townspeople a-gossiping.

"Perhaps our young Prince is ill," they said. "Perhaps he is in **grave** danger and cannot send for help."



WORD WIZARD PART 1



Can you write down the word that is missing on each line? If you don't remember, look back at the Mirror and the Beast story. **Example number one is done for you.**

1. (solitude) being alone
2. _____
feeling a little sad, being quiet
3. _____
birds with forked tails
4. _____
shining like gold
5. _____
made their nests
6. _____
little by little
7. _____
a sunny path
8. _____
serious

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Page 1

- a. Why do you think the Prince sends everyone away from his castle?
- b. If you were the Prince, would you do the same thing?
- c. Do you like being alone sometimes?
- d. Why are the townspeople worried about the Prince?



Can you draw a picture of the Prince trying to make friends with the Watersprite?



Listen to the CD again and imagine what you might see.



So one morning, the Lord Mayor decided to pay a visit. He walked up from the town, crossed the **drawbridge** and stood at the castle door. Behind him was the **surgeon** carrying his black bag full of sharp **instruments** and **evil-smelling potions**, and behind the surgeon followed a great crowd of curious townsfolk. The Lord Mayor knocked loudly. He waited a few minutes, but there was no answer. So he knocked a little louder, and cocked his sharp little ears in the air.

Still no answer.

The Prince could hear someone knocking, but he was watching the sunrise, as usual, and the sound of visitors made him impatient. Who was it? How *dare* anyone **disturb** him so early in the morning? The grass twinkled green diamonds at him and the breeze carried purple rose petals through his open window. He could not **tear his eyes away**. It was all too beautiful. Too peaceful. He simply would not open the door to anyone, and that was all.



And so he shut the window and drew the heavy curtains closed. Surely, he thought, if he didn't answer the door, the visitors would all go away. But, instead, the townspeople **swarmed** around the castle like a cloud of humming bees. Some of them climbed over the walls. They peeped curiously through the windows. It seemed they'd do anything for a **shadowy glimpse** of their Prince.





Can you write down the word that is missing on each line? If you don't remember, look back at the Mirror and the Beast story. **Example number one is done for you.**

1. (evil-smelling potions) medicine that smells bad
2. _____
a wooden bridge, lowered by chains, across a moat
3. _____
a doctor's tools
4. _____
ran all over the place
5. _____
bother, annoy
6. _____
a sneaky look
7. _____
stop looking
8. _____
a doctor



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Page 2

- a. Who visits the Prince one day?
- b. What does the Prince decide to do about the visitors?
- c. Do the visitors do what the Prince expects them to?



Can you draw a picture of the Lord Mayor knocking at the castle door?



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