TWO CLASSIC TALES

Fairy Tales

in Easy English





Little Red Riding Hood + Snow White

ILLUSTRATED READER

LEVEL A1-A2

16 PAGES | TWO STORIES

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WELCOME TO YOUR READER

Read, Imagine, Learn

This book contains two short English retellings of traditional fairy tales. The sentences are simpler than those in the classic versions, so you can read with confidence.

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Read one page at a time. Look at the picture, guess the meaning of new words, and then read the text aloud. After each story, use the word list and answer the questions.

These are original simplified retellings inspired by the traditional tales collected by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm. Some details are shortened.

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A Basket for Grandma



Near a green forest lived a girl called Little Red Riding Hood. She wore a bright red hood and loved visiting her grandmother. One morning, her mother packed bread and a small cake in a basket. “Grandmother is not feeling well,” she said. “Please take this to her, and stay on the path.”

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The Forest Path



Little Red Riding Hood walked along the forest path. Birds sang above her, and flowers grew beside the trees. She soon met a wolf. “Where are you going?” he asked. “To my grandmother’s cottage,” she replied. “She lives at the other end of the forest.”

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A Dangerous Suggestion



The wolf smiled. “These flowers would make a lovely gift,” he said. Little Red Riding Hood stopped to pick some. While she was busy, the wolf hurried to the cottage. He reached the door before she did.

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The Wolf Arrives First



The wolf knocked on the door. Grandmother opened it, and the wolf rushed inside. He swallowed Grandmother and put on her nightcap. Then he climbed into her bed and pulled up the blanket. Soon, Little Red Riding Hood arrived.

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What Big Teeth!



The girl looked at the strange face in the bed. “Grandmother, what big ears you have!” she said. “All the better to hear you with,” replied the wolf. “What big eyes you have!” “All the better to see you with.” “And what big teeth you have!” “All the better to eat you with!” The wolf jumped out of bed and swallowed the girl, too.

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Everyone Is Safe



A woodcutter heard loud snores coming from the cottage. He looked inside and saw the wolf. He carefully opened the wolf's belly and helped Grandmother and Little Red Riding Hood get out. They were frightened but safe. Little Red Riding Hood promised to stay on the path and never speak to strangers in the forest again.

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Words & Questions

Use these words when you retell the story in your own sentences.

basket	a container for carrying things
path	a narrow way through a place
cottage	a small house
wolf	a wild animal related to dogs
woodcutter	a person who cuts wood
promise	to say you will do something

CHECK YOUR READING

1. Who packed the basket?
2. Why did Little Red Riding Hood stop?
3. Who helped the girl and her grandmother?
4. What did Little Red Riding Hood promise?

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A Princess and a Queen



In a faraway kingdom lived a princess named Snow White. After her mother died, Snow White's father married again. The new Queen was very proud of her beauty. Every day, she asked a magic mirror, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?"

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The Mirror Speaks



For many years, the mirror answered, “You are the fairest, my Queen.” One day, it gave a different answer: “Snow White is fairer than you.” The Queen became angry and jealous. She ordered a huntsman to take Snow White into the forest and kill her.

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A Cottage in the Woods



The huntsman could not hurt the princess. “Run away, and do not return,” he told her. Snow White ran deep into the woods. At last, she found a small cottage with seven little beds. Tired and afraid, she fell asleep.

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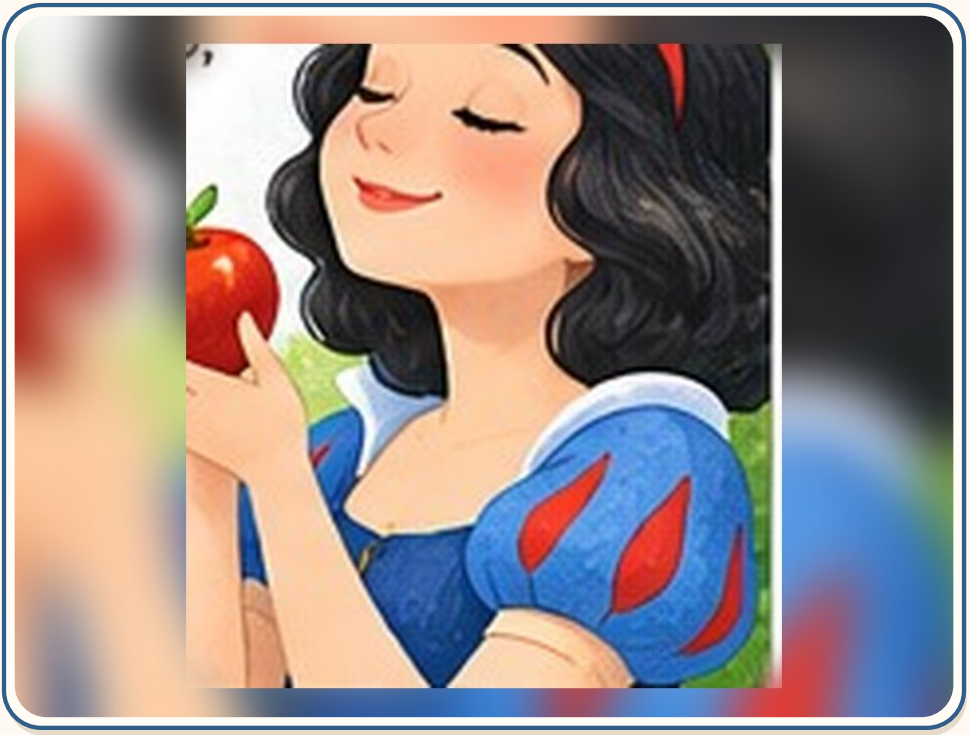
Seven Kind Friends



When the seven dwarfs returned from work, they found Snow White sleeping in their cottage. She told them why she had run away. They welcomed her and asked her to stay. “Be careful,” they warned. “Do not open the door to strangers.”

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The Poisoned Apple



The Queen learned that Snow White was still alive. She dressed as an old woman and carried a poisoned apple to the cottage. Snow White forgot the warning and took a bite. She fell to the floor. When the dwarfs returned, they could not wake her. They placed her in a glass coffin.

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Snow White Wakes Up



One day, a prince came to the forest and saw Snow White in the glass coffin. He asked the dwarfs for permission to take her to his palace. As his helpers carried the coffin, one of them stumbled. The piece of apple came out of Snow White's throat, and she woke up. Later, she and the prince married. The dwarfs were happy to see their friend safe.

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Words & Questions

stepmother	the woman who marries your parent
mirror	glass that shows your reflection
jealous	unhappy about what another person has
huntsman	a person who hunts animals
poisoned	containing something harmful
coffin	a box used for a dead person

CHECK YOUR READING

1. What did the Queen ask her mirror?
2. Who helped Snow White escape?
3. Who lived in the cottage?
4. How did Snow White wake up?

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