



The Stories of Cinderella

The story of Cinderella has been told in different versions for over 2,000 years and is still one of our most popular fairy tales today. Usually, Perrault resisted the temptation to add his own details to the stories he collected, but *Cinderella* was his favourite and he could not help himself! He changed what was originally a simple country tale into a courtly fable, adding a few extras, such as the pumpkin, the fairy godmother and the little glass slippers. When he first heard the story it is likely that Cinderella's shoes were made of fur - the French words for fur ('vair') and glass ('verre') are very similar - but Perrault

realised that it would be much more effective to have the slippers made of glass, for then the shoe could not be stretched and could only fit one person, however much the two stepsisters tried to make it fit!

Next to Charles Perrault, the best-known collectors of fairy stories are the Brothers Grimm, and they published their own version, *Aschenputtel*, in the nineteenth century. This is a much more gruesome telling of the tale - the stepsisters cut off parts of their feet to try and get them into the slipper and then have their eyes pecked out by birds!





By this time, Cinderella had already made her debut in pantomime in 1804 onstage at the Drury Lane Theatre in London. Thirteen years later, the composer Rossini turned the story into an opera, called *La Cenerentola*, which introduced the character of the Prince's valet, Dandini. He soon became one of the regular characters in the story, along with another newcomer, Cinderella's friend Buttons. The two stepsisters also became the ugly sisters, and pantomime dames have delighted in making them as nasty and as grotesque as possible ever since!



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The story of Cinderella exists in almost every country in the world, and there are between 300 and 700 versions of it. The first version of the story that we know about was written in the first century AD by the Greek historian Strabo and was set in Egypt. In this story, Cinderella is called Rhodopis and Prince Charming is the Pharaoh Amasis, who ruled Egypt from 570–536 BC. Rhodopis is washing clothes in a stream - forced to do so by her fellow servants who have gone to an event hosted by the Pharaoh - when her rose-gilded sandal is carried off by an eagle and dropped at the feet of the Pharaoh himself in the city of Memphis. He is so delighted by it that he immediately vows to marry the woman whom the sandal fits, and he searches through Egypt until he finds her.

A Chinese version from the ninth century tells the story of Wu and his daughter Yeh-hsien and what happens when Wu remarries. It includes the murder of a magic fish, the deaths of the stepmother and stepsisters by flying stones, and the loss of a magical golden shoe that eventually leads Yeh-hsien to King T'o-han who marries her.

One Thousand and One Nights, a collection of stories also known as *The Arabian Nights*, contains several versions of the Cinderella story, and in some of these the main character is a boy!

The first time we find the story in Europe is in 1634 when it was published by an Italian named Giambattista Basile in his book, *Il Pentamerone*. This story, called *La Gatta Cenerentola (The Hearth Cat)*, is about Zezolla, whose wishes are granted by a magical date tree. It also describes how she breaks her cruel stepmother's neck by dropping a lid on her.

However, Zezolla's father remarries again, this time to Zezolla's governess, who brings with her six cruel stepdaughters. Eventually, Zezolla comes out on top but, unlike Cinderella, she does not forgive her stepsisters and allow them to live happily ever after, but instead drives them out of the court.



There is a Romanian version where the girl is an emperor's daughter whose wicked relations force her to live in a pigsty, while a Swedish twist on the story has the part of the fairy godmother taken by a magic ox!

The Cinderella in a version of the story from Scotland, Critheanach, is the youngest of three almost identical triplets. Happiness ever after with her prince, Duncan, is briefly interrupted when one of her sisters pushes her over a cliff and she is swallowed by a whale! Happily, her 'fairy godmother', Baobh, casts a spell and helps Duncan to rescue her.

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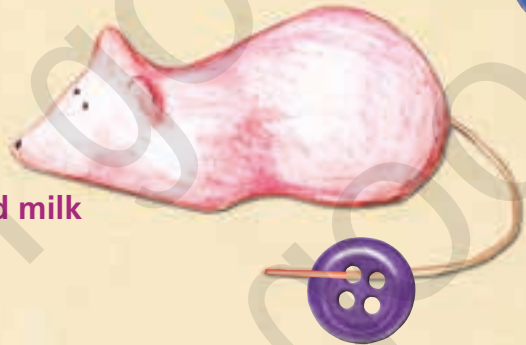


Cinderella's Sugar Mice



Ingredients:

- 1 egg white
(use pasteurised egg white),
or 3 - 5 tablespoons of condensed milk
- 450g (1lb) Icing Sugar
- Food Colouring
- String or liquorice strings for tail



Directions:

First, ask a grown-up to help you.

Beat the egg white until frothy but not stiff.

Sieve the icing sugar, stir in enough to the beaten egg white to produce a fairly stiff mixture.

Add in a few drops of the food colouring (any colour you want). Do be careful – food colouring is quite strong and you will only need a little. Flavouring can also be added at this stage if desired, such as vanilla, lemon, or peppermint extract.

Knead the mixture into a firm paste and divide into 12 – 16 pieces.

Roll into oval shapes, making one end pointed to form a nose; pinch up two small pieces to produce ears.

Eyes can be formed using silver balls or currants; the tail can be made from string or strings of liquorice.

Place the mice onto parchment or greaseproof paper, and dry for 24 hours.

Store in an airtight container.

As these mice are not cooked, they have to be made without fresh egg white to conform to Health and Safety Regulations.



Ugly Stepsisters' Earwax Snacks



Ingredients:

- Mini-marshmallows
- Peanut butter
- Cotton buds

Directions:

First, ask a grown-up to help you.

Tear away or break off the cotton part of the buds and throw the cotton part away (for however many you want to make).

Place a mini-marshmallow on each end of the sticks.

Dip or spread the mini-marshmallows with peanut butter and set out on a plate with some regular cotton buds for decoration.

Ewwww! Tasty!



Puzzlin' Pumpkin

D I G H G S P E E W S E B
 P N L S O B U T T O N S R
 A I A I L M E H R R Y R O
 L D S W D C G E V O L O O
 A N S H C I N D E R S H M
 C A S R N I K P M U P E L
 E D L D I S G T R M C C L
 E M I M O T N A P I A L E
 S M P S B Y B O M Y N O P
 S S P S E R V A N T S C S
 S R E T S I S Y L G U K E
 C A R R I A G E A L A N D
 G I R L D F S R E C N A D

See how quickly you can
find all the words hidden in the pumpkin carriage.

Get ready, set...go! There will be some letters left over which spell out a special message from Cinderella.

PUMPKIN
 UGLY SISTERS
 MICE
 BALL
 MAGIC WAND
 BUTTONS

SWEEPS
 SPELL
 DANCE
 DANDINI
 CINDERS
 PRINCE

DRESS
 PANTOMIME
 HORSE
 PALACE
 CARRIAGE
 FAIRY

GLASS SLIPPER
 MIDNIGHT
 CLOCK
 RAGS
 BROOM
 GOLD

SERVANT
 LOVE
 WISH



SECRET MESSAGE: _____











Help Cinderella and her mouse friend get ready for the ball by colouring them in.














Silly Sudoku



Cinderella's mice have started a puzzle but they need your help to finish it!

The first puzzle has 16 squares, divided into four smaller boxes of four squares each. The idea is to fill it so that every row and column of the large grid and every smaller 2 x 2 box contains each of the four different shapes - a glass slipper, a pumpkin, a mouse and a broom. Can you solve it?

The next puzzle is even harder - remembering another two items - a clock and a button. The grid is bigger, so that each row, column and box has six squares. See if you can do this one!



The Prince's Personality Test

Prince Charming and his friends love to meet all the schoolchildren who visit the panto at this time of the year. If they came to your school how would they describe you in their Panto Personality Test?

The Prince will show you how!

Pick the LAST number of your day, month and year of birth and then read out your description.

For example: if your birthday is on 17.03.2008, the Prince's Personality Test would say you are a Mischievous Cool Musician!

"I'm a Happy Squeaky Gymnast!"



Number	Day	Month	Year
0	Quiet	Shy	Pilot
1	Creative	Furry	Artist
2	Secretive	Smooth	Scientist
3	Excitable	Cool	Policeman
4	Funny	Squeaky	Football Player
5	Hard Working	Smart	Gymnast
6	Happy	Waddling	Fireman
7	Mischievous	Trendy	Bookworm
8	Generous	Skinny	Musician
9	Friendly	Hungry	Chef

Panto Puzzlers

Ugly Stepsisters' Tongue Twister



Can you say this without getting muddled?
 Surely Sisters Should Share Such Shocking Secrets!

Greetings

Cinderella would like to say hello to children from all over the world. Can you help her by drawing a line from the greeting on the left to the matching language on the right?

- | | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Hola | German |
| Guten Tag | Arabic |
| Konichiwa | Russian |
| Witaj | Japanese |
| Bonjour | Italian |
| Buon Giorno | Hindi |
| Namaste | Spanish |
| Al Salaam A'Alaykum | Polish |
| Zdraveite | French |

I Spy

There are three tiny mice and four tiny glass slippers on this page. Can you find them? How many buttons can you count on this page?

Find the way through the star maze to Fairy Godmother's Wand

Start



Finish

Answers

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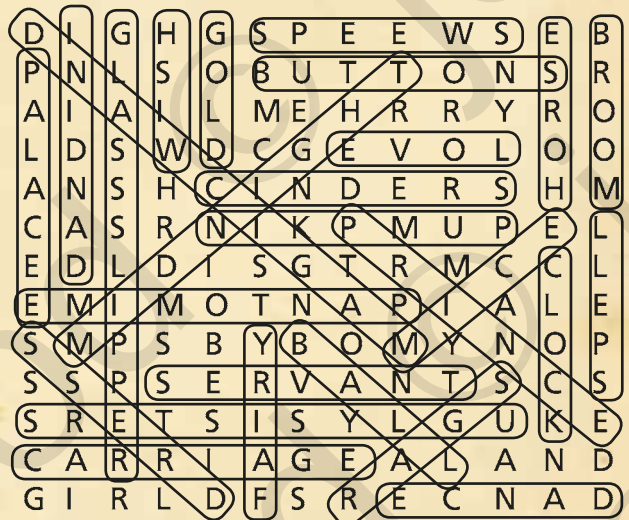
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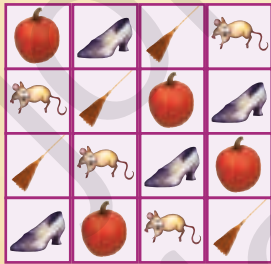
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SECRET MESSAGE: MERRY CHRISTMAS BOYS AND GIRLS

Answers

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