

Cinderella

A long time ago, there was a noble gentleman who after losing his tender wife got married to another. Her name was Sybil. Sybil was a very nasty woman and she had two daughters as horrible as she was.

The gentleman had a daughter as soft as breeze. He died and left her with Sybil in their big house. Life was very difficult for this little girl. Wearing old clothes, she did all the housework alone and when she felt tired, she used to hide in a fireplace in the kitchen. There, she got so dark of the ash that she was called Cinderella.

One day, the prince invited all the noble families to a royal ballet in his castle to celebrate his birthday and to choose his future wife. Sybil and her daughters went there and left Cinderella alone at home. She got very sad. She was crying when a nice fairy came in to help her, and with her magic wand, she offered her a wonderful dress and lovely shoes made of crystal but she told her to come back home before midnight.

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Questions:

A/ Reading comprehension:

1. Read the text carefully then choose the right answer

The text is : a letter - a fairy tale - an article.

The two daughters were Cinderella's : sisters - step-sisters - cousins.

The fairy offered Cinderella a nice dress and : a ring - crystal shoes - gold earrings.

Sybil was Cinderella's : mother - step-mother - aunt.

The prince invited Cinderella's family to his : marriage - engagement - birthday party.

2. Pick out from the text the characters of this story and classify them ?

Nice characters :

Wicked Characters :

3. Find in the text words that are closest/opposite in meaning to:

♦ Wicked = terrible =

♦ Midday = fair =

B/ Mastery of language:

1. Give the feminine of the following words from the text.

♦ Men : husband : son :

2. Put the verbs (.....) in their correct form.

♦ Once upon a time, Two men (travel) together when suddenly a bear (meet) them. One of them (climb) up into a tree and concealed himself in the branches.

3. Give the infinitive and the past participle of the following verbs.

To - went -

To - left -