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Before you read, can you match the words with the pictures?

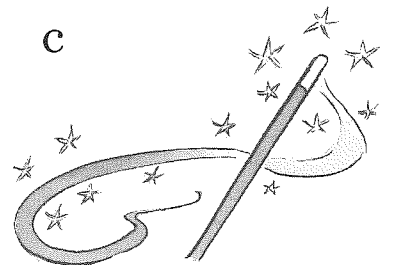
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2 elves



3 shoe shop



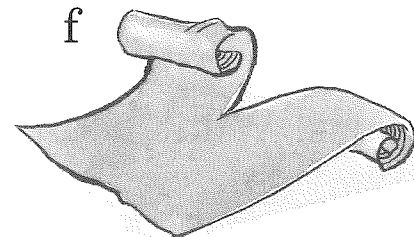
4 pair of shoes



5 magic



6 gold coins



7 leather



Act the play.

Scene 1



Chant

This is the shoemaker.
And this is his shop.
It isn't a very good shop.
It doesn't make much money.

Shoemaker One last pair of shoes.
That's all I can make.

Wife It's late. Make them in the morning.

Shoemaker All right.

Chant Goodnight, shoemaker!

Scene 2

Chant In the morning they come down.
There's something on the table!

Wife What is it?

Shoemaker It's the shoes! Look! Magic!

Wife Oh, yes! What beautiful shoes!

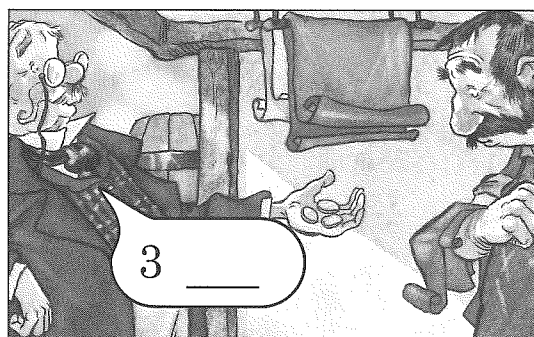
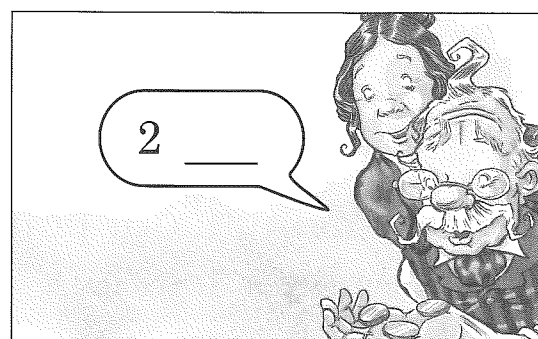
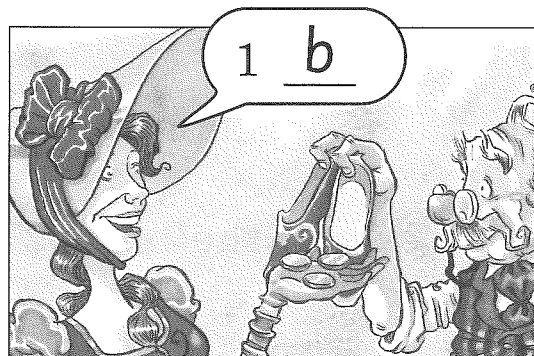
Chant What beautiful shoes!
Put them in the window.

Answer the questions.

- The old shoe shop doesn't make much . . .
a ☐ leather b ☐ magic c ☒ money
- How many more pairs of shoes can the old shoemaker make?
a ☐ one b ☐ two c ☐ three
- His wife says, 'Make them in the . . .'
a ☐ night b ☐ morning c ☐ afternoon
- Who makes the shoes?
a ☐ the elves
b ☐ the shoemaker
c ☐ the shoemaker's wife
- How many gold coins does the lady give for the shoes?
a ☐ one b ☐ two c ☐ three
- What does the shoemaker buy with the money?
a ☐ shoes b ☐ leather c ☐ clothes



What do they say?



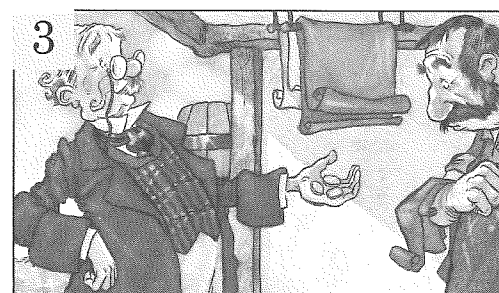
- a I can make more shoes now.
- b What beautiful shoes!
- c Make them in the morning.
- d Look! More magic!
- e I can make two more pairs now.
- f I have some money. Look!

Fill in the gaps.

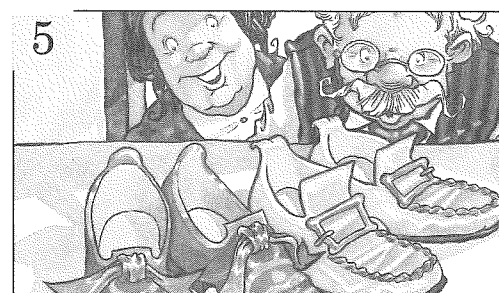
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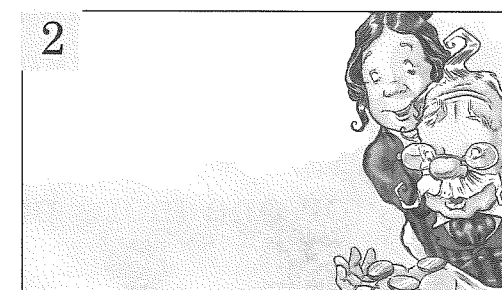
'I must buy them,' says the lady.



'I _____ some money. Look!'



'Look! _____ magic!' says the shoemaker.



'I _____ make more shoes now.'



'Make _____ in the morning,' she says.



'Here _____ six gold coins,' says the man.



Chant the story of the shoemaker and the elves.

- ★ The shoemaker has a shop.
 - ◆ It doesn't make much money.
- ★ He only has the leather
 - ◆ for one more pair of shoes.
- ★ 'It's late,' says his wife.
 - ◆ 'Make them in the morning!'
- ★ In the morning, they come down
 - ◆ . . . and find the pair of shoes!
- ★ A lady buys the shoes.
 - ◆ The shoemaker buys more leather.
- ★ In the morning, they come down
 - ◆ . . . and find two pairs of shoes!
- ★ A man buys the shoes.
 - ◆ The shoemaker buys more leather.
- ★ In the morning, they come down.
 - ◆ . . . and find three pairs of shoes!
- ★ 'More magic!' says the shoemaker.
 - ◆ 'But . . . who is making all these shoes!'



Put the words in the correct order.

- 1 puts He the them in window .
He puts them in the window.
- 2 more three now He shoes pairs of
make can .
- 3 leather He more buys some .
- 4 table shoes the are on The .
- 5 shoes family A sees the .
- 6 making these Who shoes all is ?





Act the play.

Scene 3

Chant A family sees the shoes.

Girl What beautiful shoes!

Mother We must buy them.

Father Here are nine gold coins.

Chant Nine gold coins! Nine gold coins!

Shoemaker But . . . who is making all these shoes?

Wife I don't know. Let's hide in the shop and see!

Scene 4

Chant That night they hide. And they wait.
At midnight two little elves run in.

Elf 1 Here's the leather! Let's work!

Elf 2 Let's make some beautiful shoes!

Wife Look! It's two little elves!

Shoemaker It's two little elves who help us!

Chant In the morning the elves run away.
There are four beautiful pairs of shoes.

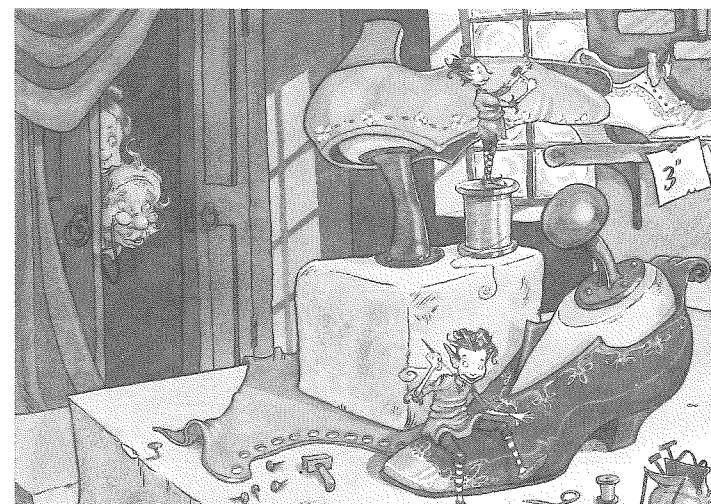


Complete the sentences with these words.

can ~~hide~~ know Let's see

watch work

- 1 The shoemaker and his wife hide.
- 2 At midnight they _____ two little elves.
- 3 They _____ in the shop all night.
- 4 The shoemaker and his wife _____ them.
- 5 'Now we _____ who helps us,' says the shoemaker.
- 6 'But what _____ we do for them?' says his wife.
- 7 '_____ make some clothes for them.'



Match the pictures to the sentences.

- a They make some clothes for them.
- b What can they do for the elves?
- c At midnight the elves come in.
- d The shoemaker is happy.
- e The elves say goodbye.
- f They put on the clothes and they dance.



Act the play.

Scene 5

Shoemaker Now we know who helps us.

Wife Yes, two little elves.

Shoemaker But what can we do for them?
... I know. Let's make some clothes for them.

Wife Oh, yes! Yes!

Chant So they make some clothes.
Then they hide and they wait.

Scene 6

Chant At midnight the elves run in.

Elf 1 What's this? Something for us?

Elf 2 Oh, yes! It's something for us!

Chant They put on the new clothes
and they dance.

Elf 1 Now it's time for us to go.

Elf 2 Because they know!
Because they know!

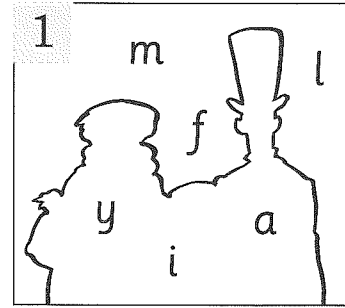
Chant The elves never come back.
But now the shoemaker works
hard. And he is happy.

Are these sentences true or false?

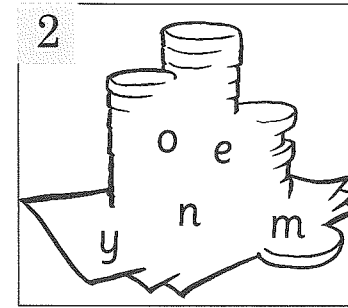
- 1 The shoemaker wants to thank the elves.
☒ True ☐ False
- 2 He gives them gold coins.
☐ True ☐ False
- 3 The shoemaker makes some clothes for them.
☐ True ☐ False
- 4 He leaves them in the window.
☐ True ☐ False
- 5 The elves like the new clothes.
☐ True ☐ False
- 6 They put on the new clothes and they work.
☐ True ☐ False
- 7 The elves make some more shoes.
☐ True ☐ False
- 8 Now the shoemaker makes good shoes and he is happy.
☐ True ☐ False

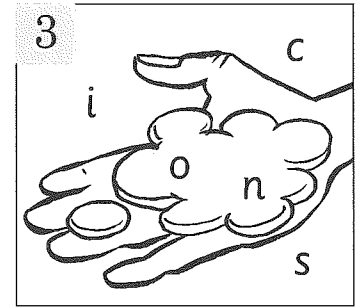


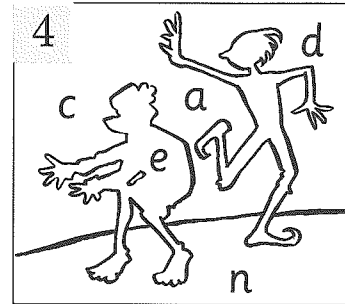
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 hide money shoes shop work

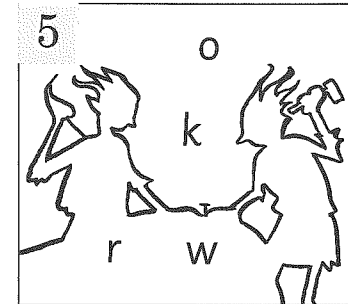


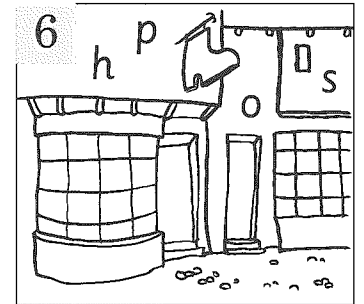
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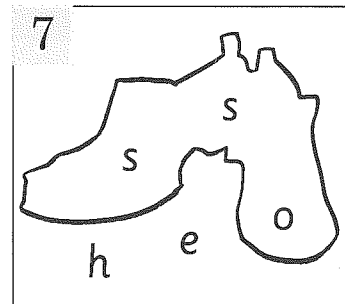


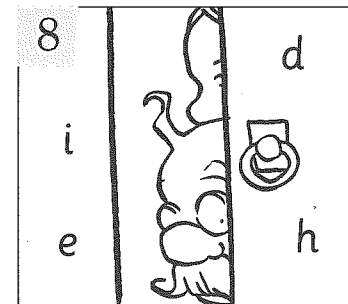


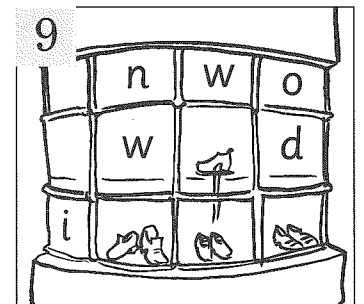






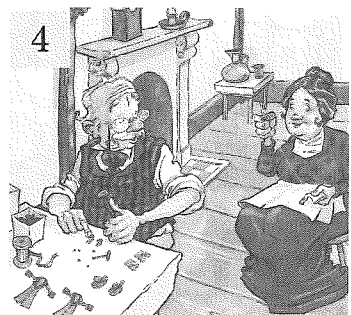
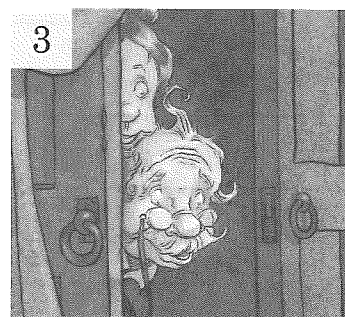
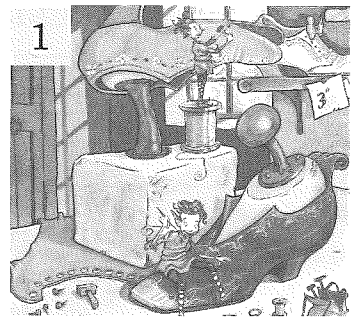




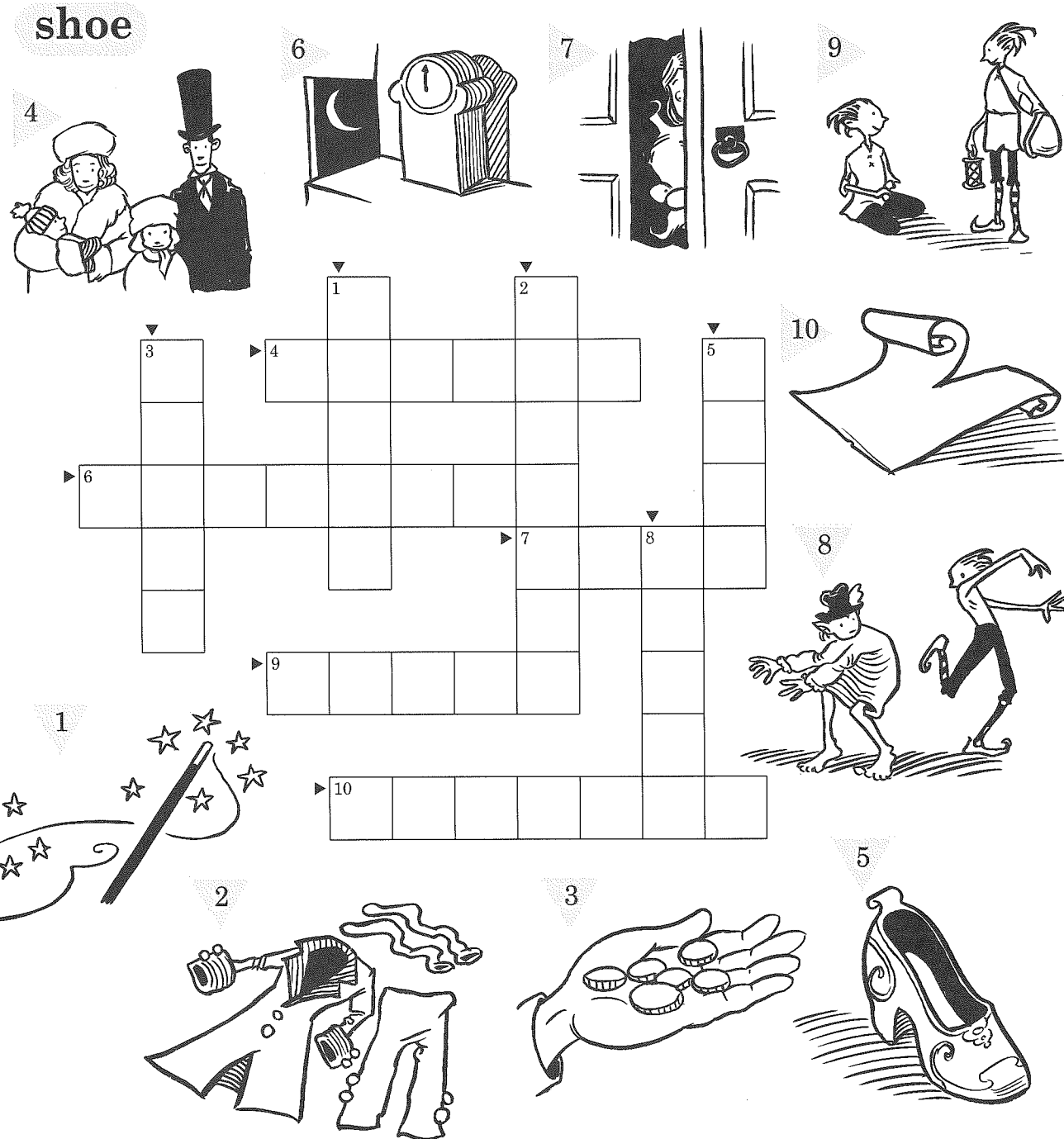


Number the sentences and tell the story.

- ☐ People give the shoemaker money for the magic shoes.
- ☐ One night the shoemaker and his wife hide and they see the elves.
- ☒ 1 Two little elves work all night and make the shoes.
- ☐ The elves must go because the shoemaker and his wife know who helps them.
- ☐ The shoemaker works hard and he is happy.
- ☐ The shoemaker and his wife make some clothes for the elves.



Crossword. clothes coins dance elves family hide leather magic midnight shoe



USING THIS ACTIVITY BOOK

Answer the questions.

- How many pairs of shoes does the man buy?
a ☐ one b ☒ two c ☐ three
- How many gold coins does the man give for the shoes?
a ☐ three b ☐ six c ☐ nine
- Who buys three pairs of shoes from the shoemaker?
a ☐ the lady c ☐ the family
b ☐ the man
- The shoemaker wants to know who is . . . all the shoes.
a ☐ buying b ☐ making c ☐ hiding
- The elves work . . .
a ☐ in the morning c ☐ all night
b ☐ at midnight
- After the elves leave, the shop is a . . . shop.
a ☐ bad b ☐ good c ☐ magic
- The elves . . . come back.
a ☐ always b ☐ never c ☐ sometimes

Before Reading

Classic Tale: Talking about the cover.

Ask the students:

Is this a book shop? (No, it's a shoe shop.)

Is the shoemaker making shoes? (No, he's watching / hiding. The elves are making shoes.)

How many shoes are there on the table? (Two.) Are they a pair of shoes? (No – one shoe is red and one shoe is blue.)

Find four different green things on the table. (The leather, the elves' clothes, the elves' shoes and the elves' bag.)

Activity 1

Ask the students:

Look at number six. Read the words. Can you see a picture of gold coins? Is it 'e'? No, that's a pair of shoes!

Is it 'f'? No, that's leather! So the answer is six 'g'.

Match the words with the pictures.

Students do activity 1. Check their answers.

While Reading

Activity 2 [Cassette pages 2–5]

Play the cassette while students read pages 2–5 in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread pages 2–5 at their own pace. Encourage students to look for the words they do not know in the glossary on pages 22–23 of the *Classic Tale*. Ask students to act the play. Students without a part read the chant.

Activity 3 [Cassette pages 6–7]

Play the cassette while students read pages 6–7 in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread pages 6–7 at their own pace and do activity 3. Check their answers.

Activity 4 [Cassette pages 8–9]

Play the cassette while students read pages 8–9 in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread pages 8–9 at their own pace.

Ask the students:

Look at picture one. What does the lady say? She says, 'What beautiful shoes!' So the answer is one 'b'.

Let students reread pages 6–9 at their own pace and do activity 4. Check their answers.

Activity 5 [Cassette page 10]

Play the cassette while students read page 10 in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread page 10 at their own pace and do activity 5. Check their answers.

Activity 6 [Cassette pages 11–13]

Play the cassette while students read pages 11–13 in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread pages 11–13 at their own pace. Tell the students:

This half of the class are stars. This half of the class are diamonds. Stars read a line, then diamonds read a line.

Students do activity 6.

Activity 7

Tell the students:

Put the words in the correct order. Then find the sentences in the story and check your answers.

Students do activity 7. Check their answers.

Activity 8 [Cassette pages 14–16 up to 'Four beautiful pairs of shoes!']

Play the cassette up to the end of the text above the picture, while students read pages 14–16 (above the picture) in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread pages 14–16 (above the picture) at their own pace.

Ask students to act the play. Students without a part read the chant.

Activity 9 [Cassette pages 16 from 'Now we know,' – page 17]

Play the cassette while students read pages 16 (bottom of the page) – page 17. Let students reread pages 16–17 at their own pace and do activity 9. Check their answers.

Activity 10 [Cassette pages 18–19]

Play the cassette while students read pages 18–19 in their *Classic Tale*. Let students reread pages 18–19 at their own pace. Tell the students:

Match the pictures to the sentences.

Students do activity 10. Check their answers.

After Reading

Activity 11

Ask students to act the play. Students without a part read the chant.

Activity 12

Ask the students:

The shoemaker wants to thank the elves. True or false? He gives them gold coins. True or false? What does he give them?

Students do activity 12. Check their answers.

Activity 13

Tell the students:

Find the letters in the pictures. Write the words.

Students do activity 13. Check their answers.

Activity 14

Ask the students:

The pictures tell the story. Look at picture one. How does the story begin?

Students do activity 14. Check their answers.

Ask the students:

Cover the sentences. Can you look at the pictures and tell the story?

Activity 15

Ask the students:

Look at the crossword. Look at four across. How many letters? Look at the picture. What is it? So what's four across?

Look at one down. How many letters? What's the second letter? Look at the picture. What is it? So what's one down?

Students do activity 15. Encourage students to look for the words they do not know in the glossary on pages 22–23 and in the story.

Activity 16

This is a reading comprehension to show whether students have understood the story and are able to answer simple questions within the language level of the story. Students do activity 16.

Then tell the students:

Reread the story and check your answers.

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