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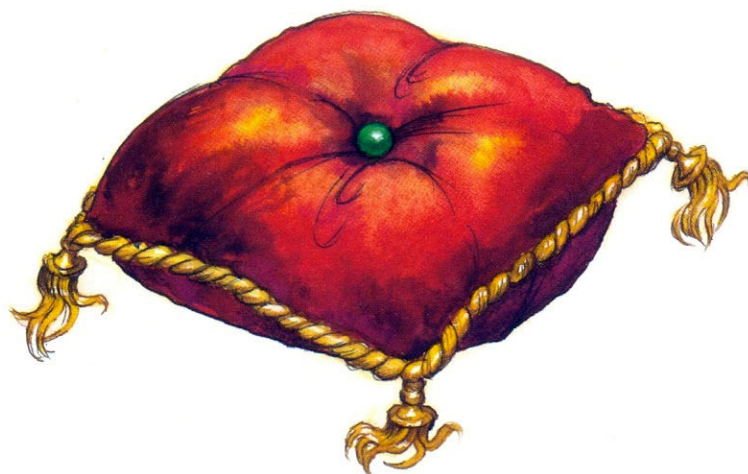
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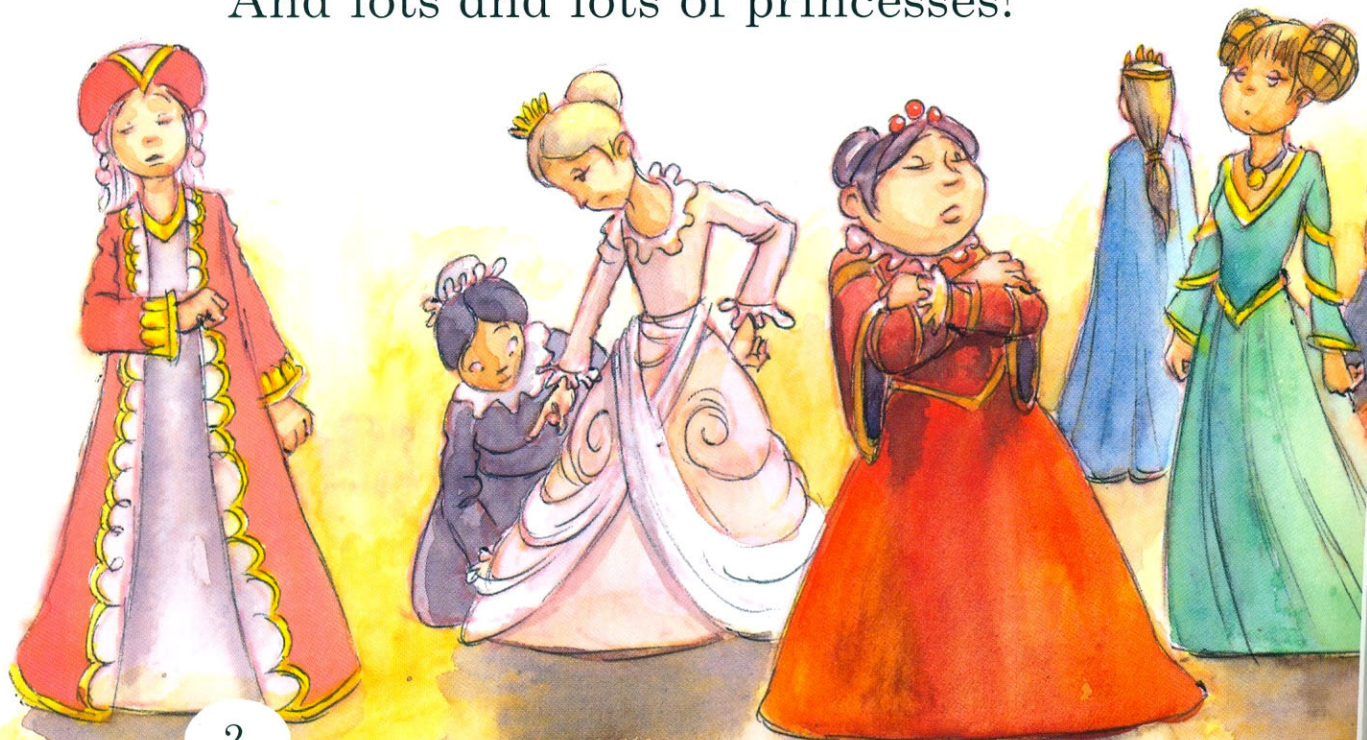
BEGINNER 1



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HERE is the King.
Here is the Queen.
Here is Prince Harold.
And lots and lots of princesses!

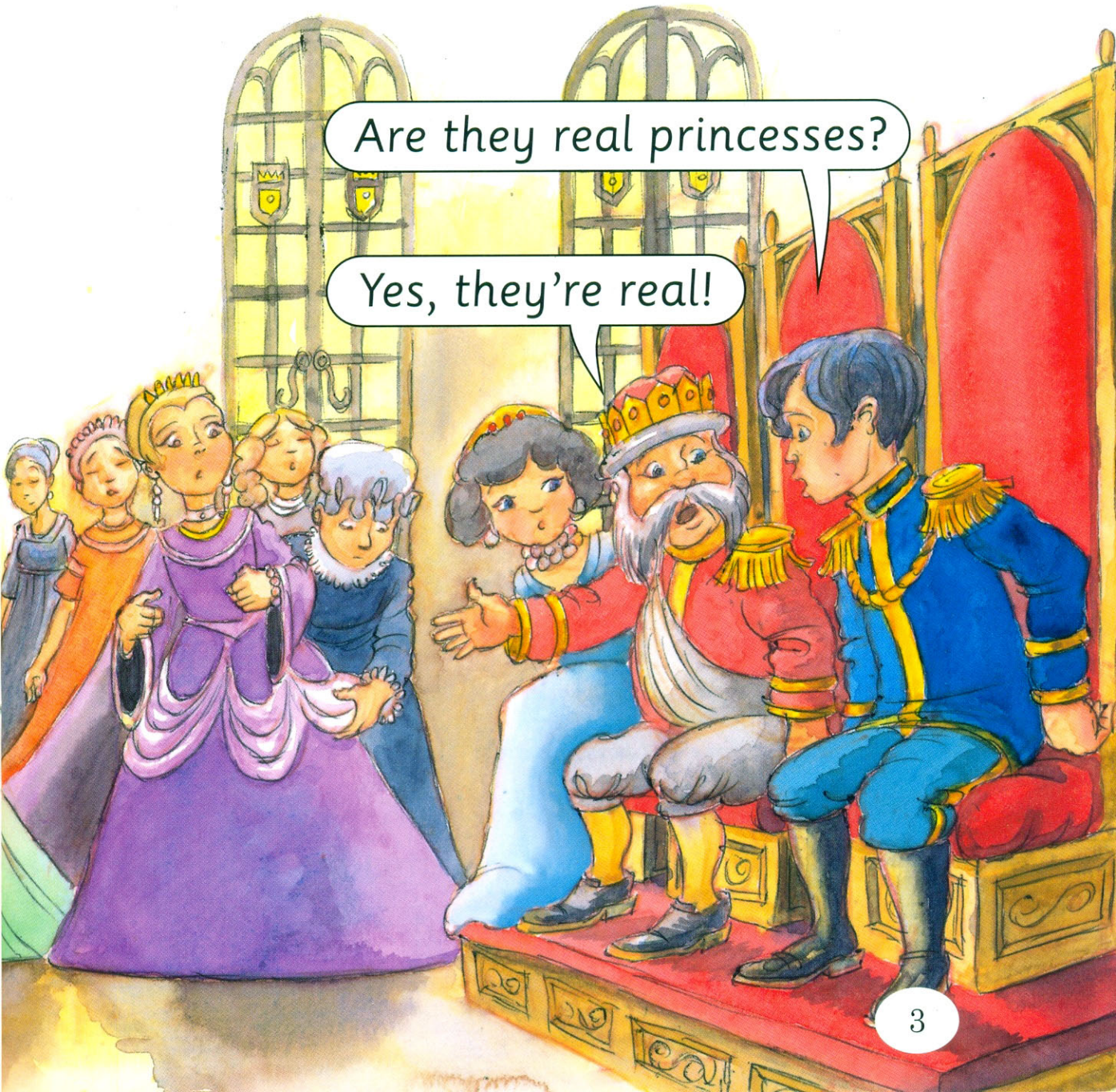


‘Are they real princesses?’ asks Prince Harold.

‘Real?’ says the Queen.

‘Yes, they’re real,’ says the King.

‘Look at them!’



The Queen has a book.
The Book of Princesses.



Look! Here's Princess Flora!

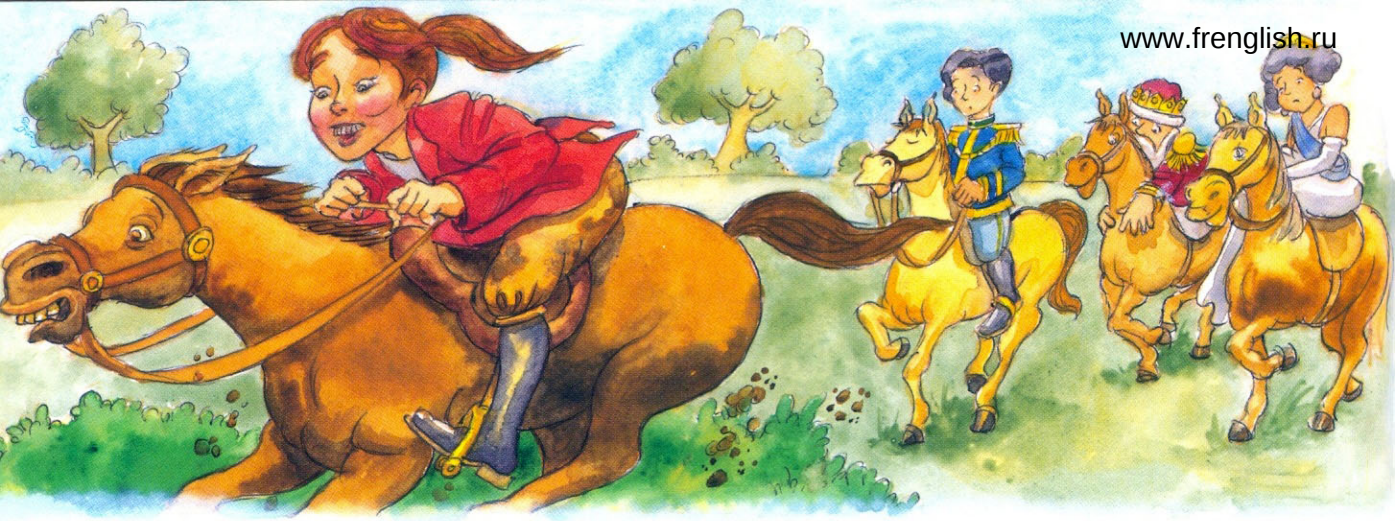
‘Look! Here’s Princess
Flora,’ says the Queen.
‘Is she a real princess?’
asks Prince Harold.
‘Yes, she is,’ says the King.
‘She’s in the book!’



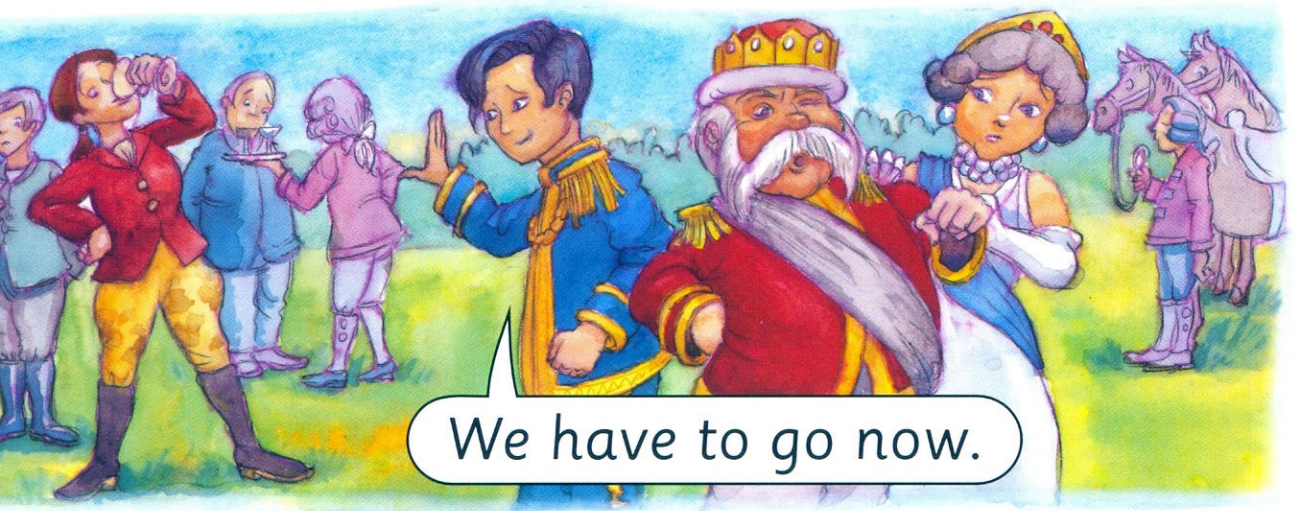
They visit Princess Flora.
They have tea with her.
But she doesn't talk.
She only eats.



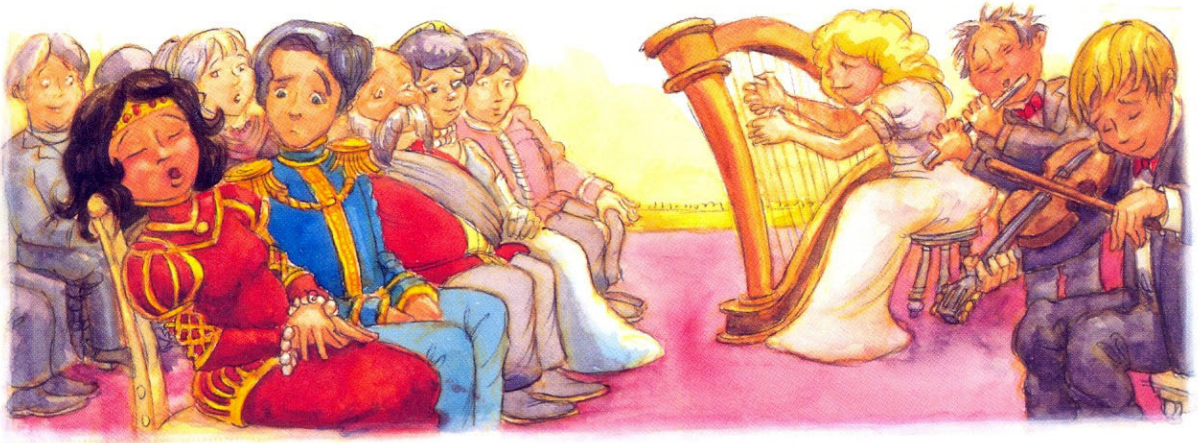
‘Thank you for the tea,’ says Prince
Harold.
‘We have to go now. Goodbye!’



They visit Princess Val.
They ride with her.
But she doesn't talk.
She only rides!



'Thank you for the ride,' says
Prince Harold.
'We have to go now. Goodbye!'



They visit Princess Hilda.
They listen to music with her.
But she doesn't listen.
She only sleeps.



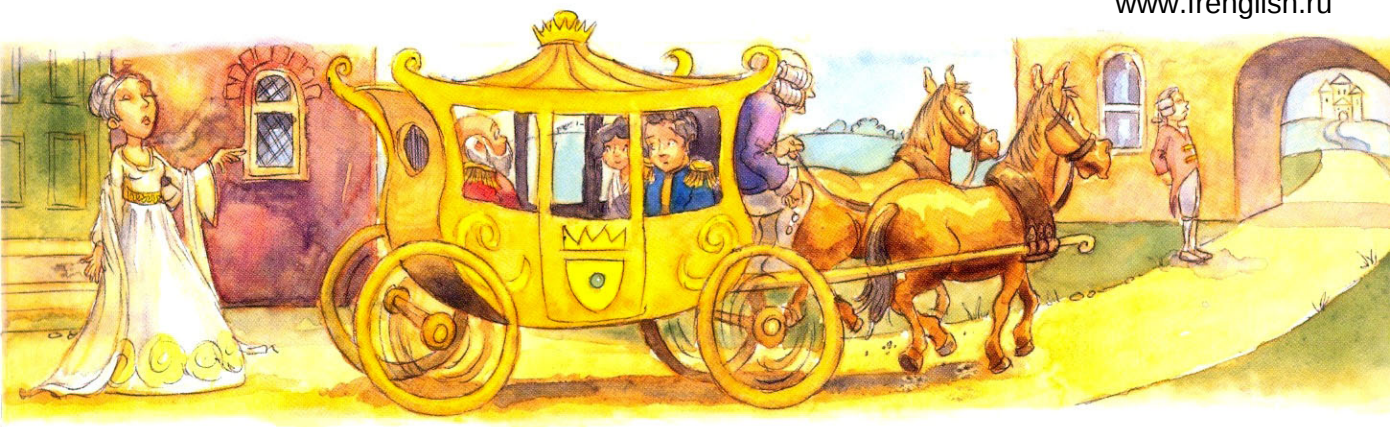
'Thank you for the music,' says
Prince Harold.
'We have to go now! Goodbye!'



They visit Princess Wendy.
They go to her dance.
But she doesn't talk or dance.
She only sits.



‘Thank you for the dance,’ says
Prince Harold.
‘We have to go now. Goodbye!’



They visit lots of princesses.
But Prince Harold isn't happy.
'I only want a real princess,' he says.



'I only want a real princess,' says
Prince Harold.
'A real . . . real . . . real princess.'
'Let's go home,' says the King.

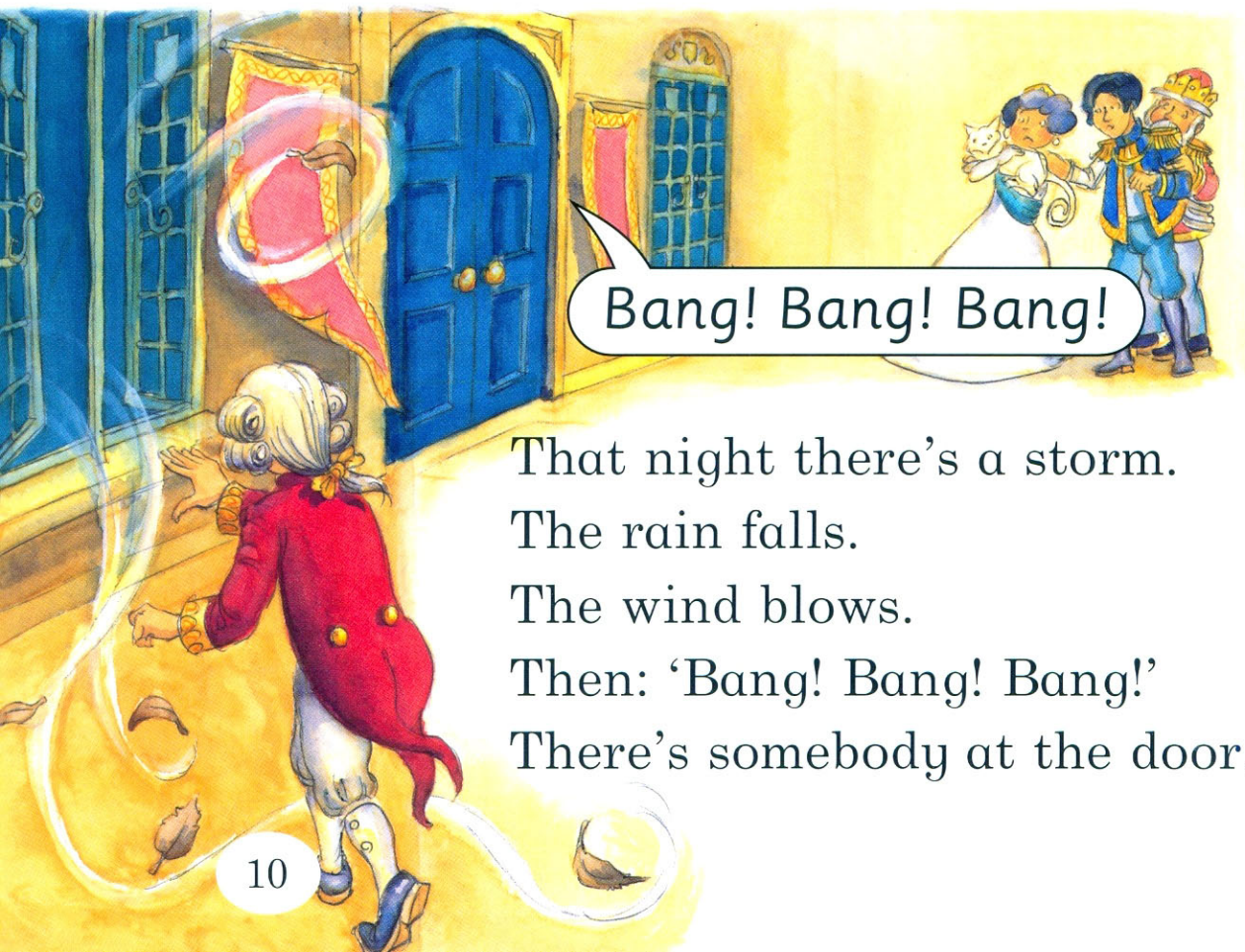


Home sweet home!

So they go home.

‘Ah! It’s good to be home!’ says the King.

‘Home sweet home!’ says the Queen.



Bang! Bang! Bang!

That night there’s a storm.

The rain falls.

The wind blows.

Then: ‘Bang! Bang! Bang!’

There’s somebody at the door.

Who is it?

It's late! There's a storm!

'Harold!' says the Queen.

'Go and open the door please.'



It's a girl.

A beautiful girl.

'It's late,' says Prince Harold.

'What do you want?'

Her hair is wet.
Her clothes are wet.
Her shoes are wet.
But she smiles at Prince Harold.



Her smile is beautiful.
'I want to come in,' she says.
'I am a real princess.'



They give the girl new clothes.

They give her new shoes.

‘Thank you,’ she says.

‘What a night!

What a storm!’

‘Are you really a real princess?’

asks Prince Harold.

‘Yes!’ she says. ‘I am!’

‘A real princess? Let’s see!’ says
the Queen.

She takes a pea.

A little green pea.

She puts it on the bed.



‘Bring twenty mattresses!’ she says.

‘And twenty quilts!

Put them on the bed!’



‘What a lot of mattresses!’ says the real princess.

‘What a lot of quilts!

What a strange high bed!’

‘It’s a high, high bed for a real princess!’
says the Queen.

‘Sleep well.’

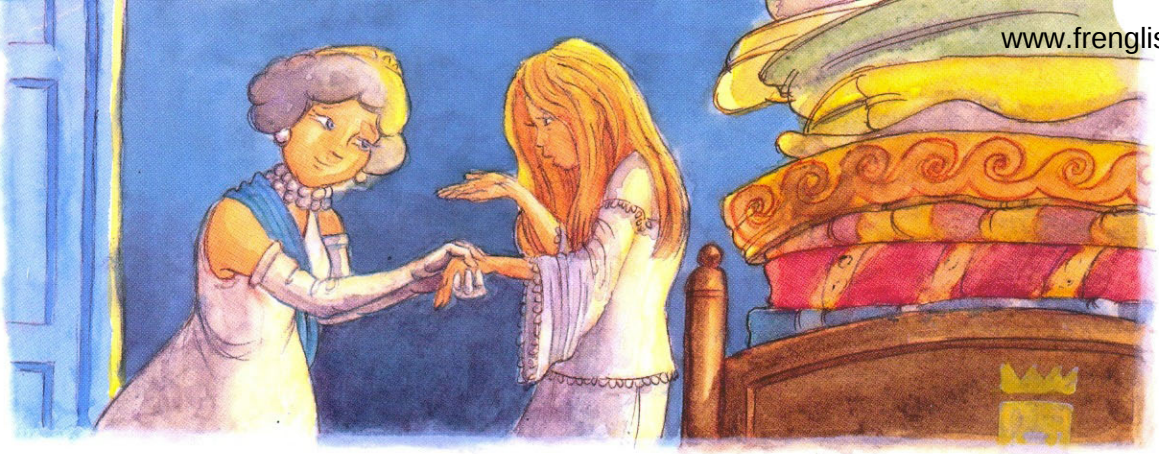
But the real princess does not sleep well.
'There's something in this bed!' she says.
'A stone!
A big stone!'



There's something in this bed!

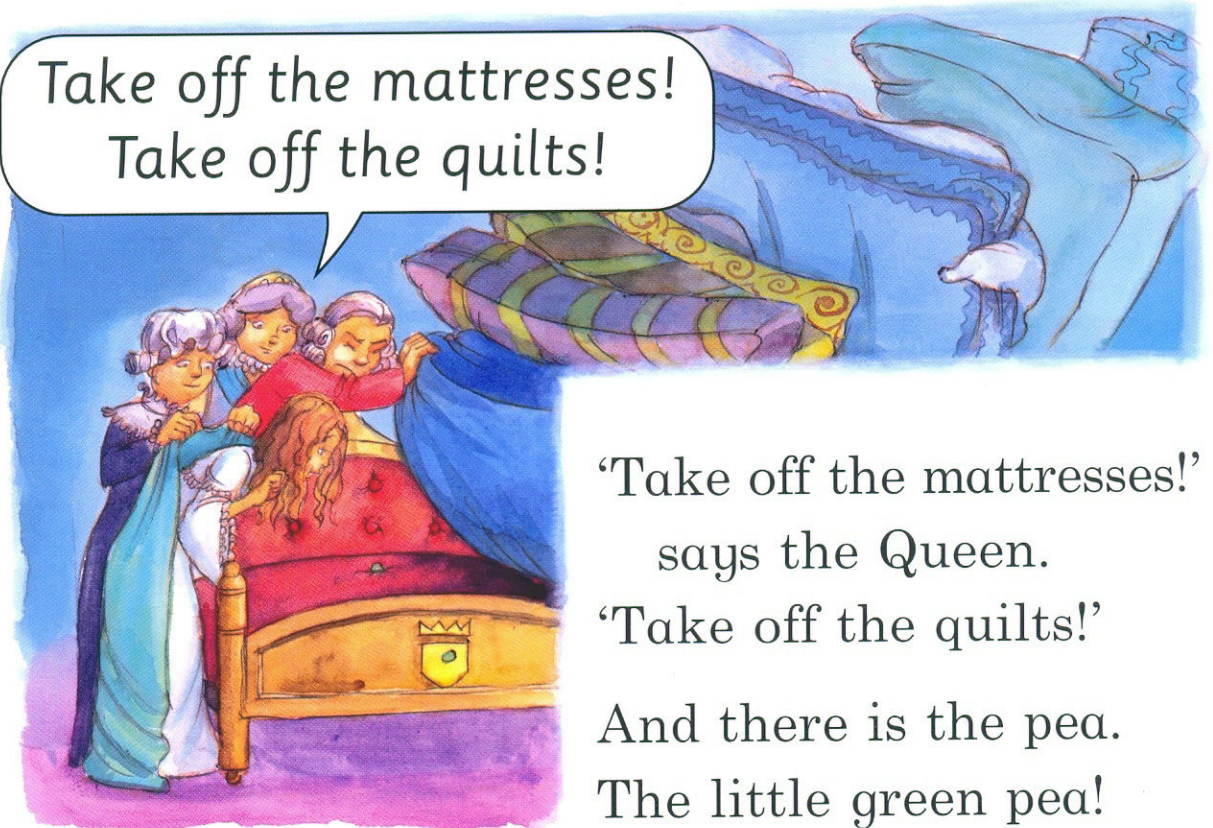


She sits up.
She lies down.
She sits up again.
She cannot sleep at all!



In the morning the real princess says:
‘There’s something in this bed.
A stone I think!
A big stone!’

Take off the mattresses!
Take off the quilts!



‘Take off the mattresses!’
says the Queen.
‘Take off the quilts!’
And there is the pea.
The little green pea!

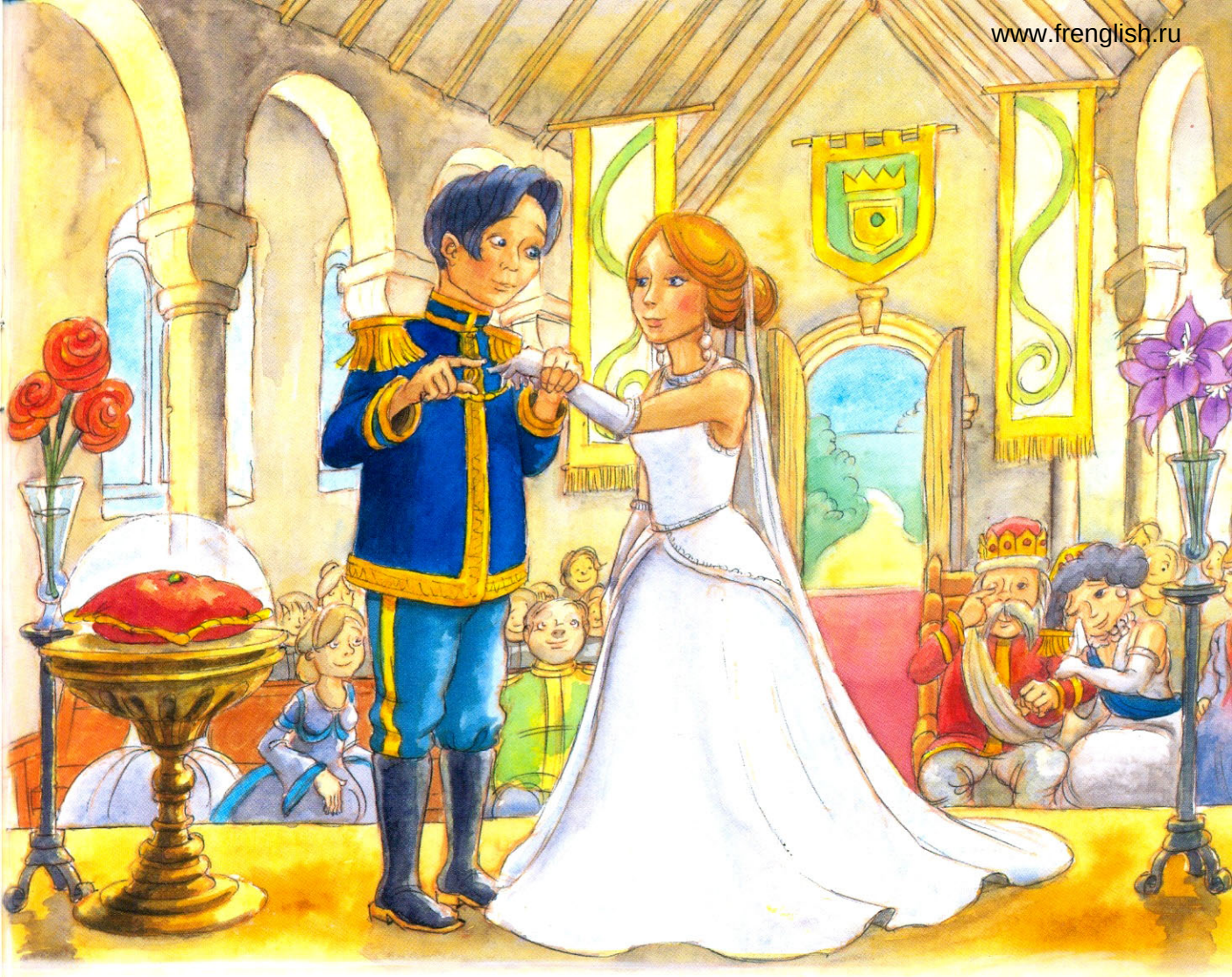


‘You can feel a pea under twenty mattresses and twenty quilts,’ says Prince Harold.

‘Then it’s true!

You really are a real princess!

A real . . . real . . . real princess!’



‘Now at last,’ says Prince Harold.

‘At last I have my real princess.’

The King and Queen are very happy.

Everybody is happy.

And there is the pea!

For everybody to see.

Exercises

1 What do they want? *to come in to eat
to ride ~~a real princess~~ to sleep to sit*

1 Prince Harold wants
a real princess.



2 Princess Flora wants
_____.



3 Princess Val wants
_____.



4 Princess Hilda wants
_____.



5 Princess Wendy wants
_____.

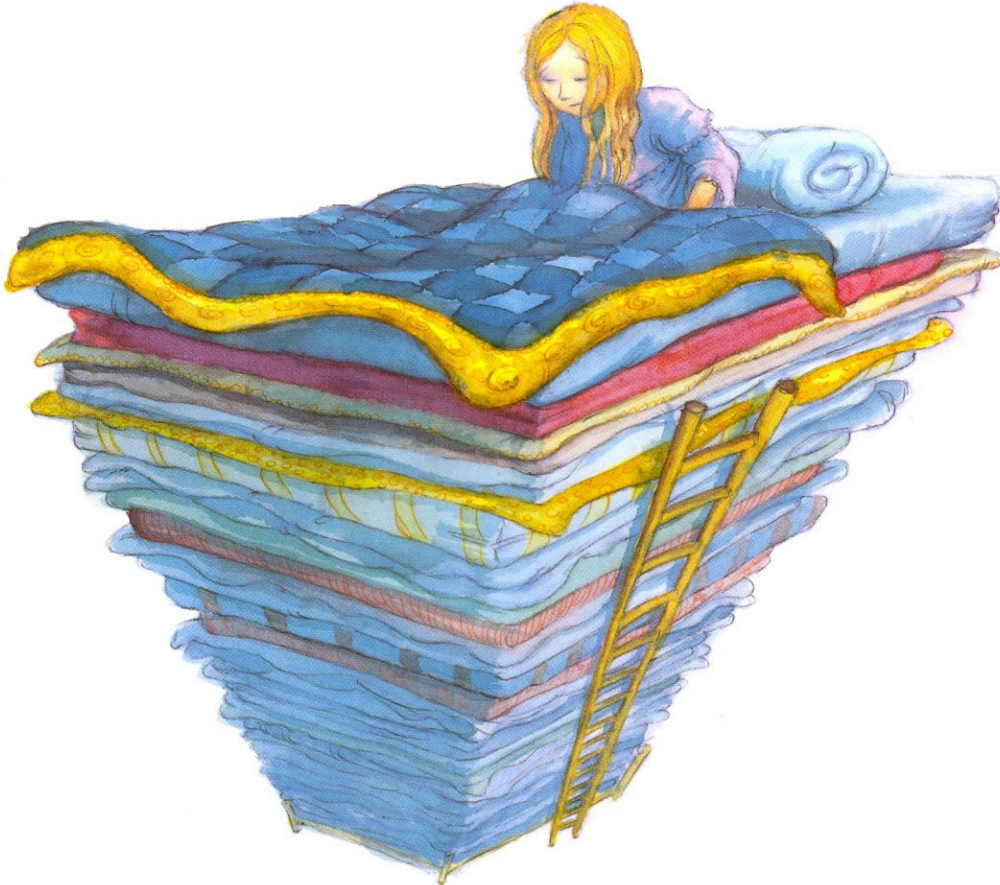


6 The real princess wants
_____.



2 Look at the picture.

Answer the questions. Yes or no?



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| 1 Is the bed high? | ☐ yes | ☐ no |
| 2 Can the real princess sleep? | ☐ yes | ☐ no |
| 3 Does the bed have ten quilts? | ☐ yes | ☐ no |
| 4 Is there a stone in the bed? | ☐ yes | ☐ no |
| 5 Is there a pea in the bed? | ☐ yes | ☐ no |
| 6 Is the princess a real princess? | ☐ yes | ☐ no |

Glossary

clothes



mattress



dance



music



king



pea



lie



prince / princess



queen



storm



quilt



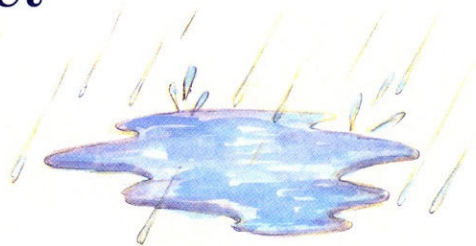
tea



ride



wet



stone



wind



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