

Snow-White

Snow-White was a princess. Her skin was as white as snow. So her parents named her 'Snow-White'. Her cheeks were as red as a rose and her hair was as black as **ebony**. So she looked beautiful in all ways.

Her mother, the queen died when she was a few months old. The king married again with a very beautiful woman. The new queen was very proud of her beauty. She had a big magic **mirror**. Every day she looked in the mirror as she stood in front of it. Then she used to ask the mirror who was the most beautiful woman in the world.

“Little glass upon the wall,
Who is fairest among us all ?”

The mirror always replied that she was the fairest of all.

“**Gracious** Queen, so **grand** and tall,
You are the fairest of them all.”

The reply of the mirror pleased the queen very much.

In a few years, Snow-White grew up tall to be a very beautiful girl. Her step-mother, the queen became jealous of her. One day when she asked her magic mirror,



“Little glass upon the wall,
Who is fairest among us all ?”

The mirror replied,

“Gracious Queen, you’re grand and tall,
But Snow-White is fairest of you all.”

Hearing this the queen became very angry. She ordered one of her servants to take Snow-White to the forest and kill her. But the servant couldn’t kill the *innocent* girl. He left her alive in the forest.


Snow-White ran around weeping all day. In the evening, she found a small house on a hill-side. The door was not locked. As she entered the house, she saw a table. There were seven little plates, seven little spoons and seven little glasses on it. There was food on the plates and clean water in the glasses. Snow-White was very hungry. She ate a little from each plate and drank a little from each glass.

She went to the side room. There were seven little clean beds with clean white bed-sheets on them. She was tired and wanted to take rest. So she tried each of the little

beds. Somehow she lay down on one of them and soon fell asleep.

The small house belonged to seven *dwarfs*. They used to dig out silver in the mountains. When they returned in the evening they found Snow-White sleeping. They stood around her bed and looked at her. After some time Snow-White woke up and was afraid. The dwarfs politely asked her who she was. She told them all about herself. They felt pity for her. So they let her to live in there.





Snow-White used to clean their house, wash their clothes and cook their dinner. So the dwarfs were very pleased with her.

Queen, the step-mother of Snow-White was very happy thinking Snow-white as dead. Now she was the fairest of all. In her joy, she did not look into the magic mirror for many days. One day as she looked into it and asked,

“Little glass upon the wall,
Who is fairest among us all ?”

The mirror replied,

“Gracious Queen, you’re grand and tall,
But Snow-White is fairest of you all.”

Then the queen asked where she was. The mirror told her that she was in the Seven Dwarfs’ house.

The queen became worried. So she changed herself into an old woman, took a poisoned comb with her and arrived at the Seven Dwarfs’ house. Snow-White was sitting at the window.

“Come out, my dear,” the old woman said, “I’ve brought lots of nice things for you! I’m sure you will like them.” Then she showed Snow-White the comb.

At first Snow-White *hesitated* to come out. But when the old woman repeated his words in sweet voice, she came out. The wicked old woman said, “Let me comb your beautiful hair for you, dear.” And she *stuck* the poisoned comb in her hair. Snow-White fell down senseless on the ground and the wicked queen ran back home.

In the evening, the seven Dwarfs came home. They found Snow-White lying senseless in front of their house. They took the poisoned comb out of her hair and she was well again to get up. Snow-White told them about the visit of the old woman. They told her not to go out of the house.

The wicked queen soon came to know from the magic mirror that Snow-White was alive. She changed herself into a farmer’s wife and took an apple which was half red and half white. She put a poisoned pin in the red half. She put the poisoned apple on other apples in a basket.

When she knocked the door at the Dwarfs’ house, Snow-White refused to open the door. The wicked queen showed her the apples. The queen cut the apple into two. She gave the red half to Snow-White and began eating the other half herself.

Snow-White bit off a piece of the poisoned apple and fell down dead. The wicked queen laughed loudly and ran away home.

In the evening the Dwarfs found Snow-White dead. They tried everything to bring her back to life but in vain. Snow-White looked fresh and beautiful as a flower even in that state. So the Dwarfs did not bury her. They put her in a *coffin* of glass with some holes for passing air.

After a few days a prince came that way. He looked at Snow-White and liked her very much. He asked the Dwarfs to let him have the coffin. Somehow they let the prince take it. On the way the horse which was carrying the coffin stumbled. The piece of apple which was in Snow-White's mouth came out. She opened her eyes and got up. The prince was *overjoyed*.

The prince took her to his father's palace and married her the next day.

One day the wicked queen asked her magic mirror,

“Little glass upon the wall,
Who is fairest among us all ?”

The mirror replied,

“Gracious Queen, you're grand and tall,
But Snow-White is fairest of you all.”

The queen became very angry. In a fury she threw the mirror down and it broke. She became so sad with jealousy that she ended her life by taking poison.

Word Treasure

ebony : black wood

gracious : highly stylish, attractive and pleasant

innocent : not guilty

dwarf : a very short man

hesitated : slow to act

coffin : a box for a dead body

mirror : a looking glass

grand : impressive, noble

stuck : pushed into hair and fixed

overjoyed : extremely happy.



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

- Who was the most fairest of all women on earth when Snow-White grew up tall ?
a. milkmaid b. the queen c. Snow-White
- Who told the queen that Snow-White was alive ?
a. the mirror b. servant c. dwarf
- Who took the coffin ?
a. the dwarfs b. the prince c. the queen
- Who gave Snow-White the poisoned apple to eat ?
a. the prince b. the queen c. a dwarf
- Who married with Snow-White ?
a. a dwarf b. the prince c. no one

B. Answer the following questions :

- Who was Snow-White ?
- Why was her step-mother jealous of Snow-White ?
- What did the queen order her servant to do ?
- Where did Snow-White reach ?
- What did the queen do to kill Snow-White ?
- How did Snow-White come back to life again ?

C. Match the following :

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| 1. Snow-White's mother, the queen died | a. the innocent girl. |
| 2. Gracious queen, so grand and tall, | b. when she was a few months old. |
| 3. But the servant could not kill air, | c. of glass with some holes for passing . |
| 4. When the dwarfs returned in the evening | d. you are the fairest of them all. |
| 5. The dwarfs put Snow-White in a coffin | e. they found Snow-White sleeping. |

Fun with Words

D. Add -ing or -ful to the suitable words :

clatter	sing	sucess
harm	tear	shine
whirl	creak	cheer
master	howl	joy
search	right	lap
help	write	bubble
scream	grate	dread
mourn	sin	thought
event	sorrow	flow

Write the words below :

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Essential Grammar

We use **modal verbs** before other verbs to express certain meanings, for example, permission, ability, possibility, certainty, etc.

Modal Verbs : can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must.

1. Modal verbs have no s with the third person singular (he/she/it form). In other words they do not change with singular or plural doer.

- Ex. : John **can** speak Japanese.
They **may** be late.
This **must** be your coat.



2. We make modal questions and negatives without **do**; other verbs have **do**.

Ex. : **Can** you help me ? (NOTE-Do you can help me ?)
 You **must** not tell him.

Use of 'would'

We often use **would** in the expression 'I would like' to ask for things. It is more polite than 'I want'.

Ex. : I **would like** a return ticket, please.
 I **would like** a seat by the window.

We can offer things with would you like ... ?

Would you like a drink ?
 Would you like coffee ?

We often use **would you like to** ... ? in invitations.

Would you like to come to London with us ?

D. Make sentences with 'I would like..., please' :

- an ice cream _____
- a receipt _____
- a red T-shirt _____
- some more toast _____
- a lower berth _____

E. Make sentences with 'Would you like... ?'

- a drink _____
- the newspaper _____
- coffee _____
- an aspirin _____
- some more toast _____

Essential Speaking

H. When two friends go to a restaurant, how they talk. Work in pairs :

Sam : Would you like some snacks and drinks ?
 Tom : But where ?
 Sam : At the resataurant over there.
 Tom : But I have not much money.
 Sam : Don't worry. Let's cross the road.
 Tom : This is a very expensive restaurant. Isn't it ?
 Sam : Yes, it is. But it gives high quality dishes.

- Tom : Are you sure we can afford to eat here ?
- Sam : We're going to taste only few delicious. And I have calculated for that.
- Tom : Where should we sit ?
- Sam : Let's sit here.
- Tom : Oh, yes, have you eaten here before ?
- Sam : No, but I have heard much about it.
- Tom : It looks fine.
- Waiter : Good evening, sir.
- Sam : Excuse me. Could we see the menu about it?
- Waiter : Yes, of course.
- Tom : We'll look over the menu for a few minutes.
- Waiter : Now, what would you like ?
- Sam : I'd like a cheese-burger.
- Tom : And I'd like a dosa, please.
- Waiter : Here you are.
- Sam : The burger is so delicious.
- Tom : Mine too.
- Waiter : We have fresh pastries, if you'd care for some dessert.
- Sam : I'd like a strawberry ice-cream.
- Tom : And I'd like a coffee please.
- Sam : Could we have the bill, please ?
- Waiter : Here it is.
- Tom : Thank you Sam, for the nice snacks and drink.
- Sam : You are welcome, my dear friend.

Essential Writing

- I. What did your grandma do in the morning ? Look at the pictures and write. Use the clue words :



went — temple



bought — flowers



worshipped — the lord



met — friend



bought — fruits



came — drank

J. Write these sentences in correct order to make a story :

- A clever fox saw it.
- The fox picked the piece of bread and ran away.
- One day a crow was sitting in a tree.
- She praised crow's singing and insisted it to sing a song.
- It had a piece of bread in its beak.
- Her mouth watered.
- As the crow opened its beak to sing, the piece of bread fell down.

Fun to Do

K. Look at the things draw the faces and write sentences with your own opinion :

1. I like ice creams
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

