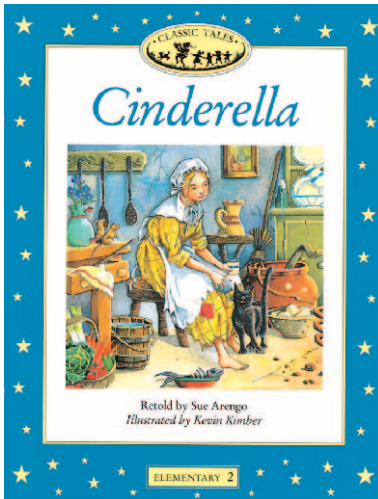


Cinderella

*A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald
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The story of *Cinderella*

Once upon a time there was a good man, his good wife and their beautiful, kind daughter. But, one day, the man's wife died. After two years, the man married again. His new wife was a nasty woman with two ugly daughters, Prudence and Charlotte. People call them 'the ugly sisters'.

The ugly sisters took the girl's nice clothes and shoes. They gave her old clothes to wear. They told her to clean the house. She did everything. They did no work at all. The girl got dirty in the cinders from the kitchen fire and they called her 'Cinderella'.

One day, a letter arrived. It was from the palace. The King was having a party for the Prince. Cinderella made new dresses for her sisters. But she could not go. In the evening she was very sad and she sat down by the kitchen fire and cried.

A fairy came and helped Cinderella to go to the party. She told Cinderella to find a pumpkin, six white mice, and six lizards. Then she touched them with her magic wand. The pumpkin was a gold coach. The mice were six white horses. The lizards were six footmen. Then the fairy touched Cinderella's old dress and it was a beautiful, long dress with little pink flowers on it. Then the fairy gave Cinderella two little glass shoes for her feet. But the fairy said that Cinderella must leave the party before midnight. Because, at midnight, the magic would stop.

Cinderella had a wonderful time at the party. She danced with the Prince all evening. She remembered the fairy's words at a minute to midnight. She ran from the palace. One of her glass shoes fell off and the Prince found it. He asked his footmen to put up an important notice. He would marry the girl the shoe fitted. The Prince and his footmen went to every house in the country. At last they came to Cinderella's house. Prudence tried on the shoe, but her foot was too long and thin. Charlotte tried on the shoe, but her foot was much too big and fat.

'Are there any other girls in this house?' asked the Prince.

The ugly sisters said that there was only the kitchen girl. But Cinderella tried on the shoe and it fitted her perfectly. She took the other shoe out of her pocket and the Prince knew that she was the beautiful princess from the party.

The Prince and Cinderella were married. The ugly sisters married two of the Prince's friends. In time, Cinderella and the Prince had two children. And they all lived happily ever after.

Characters in the play

Father	Two Footmen
Cinderella	Chorus
Prudence	Six White Mice
Charlotte	Six Lizards
Mother	King
Fairy	Clock
Prince	People



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SCENE 1

MEET YOUR NEW SISTERS

Father You are a good girl. Be kind to your new mother and your new sisters.
Cinderella Yes, Father.
Father This is your new mother.
Cinderella Hello.
Mother Hello.
Father Kiss your new sisters.
Cinderella Yes, Father. (*She kisses them.*)

SCENE 2

AN OLD DRESS FOR CINDERELLA

Prudence I hate our new sister because she is good.
Charlotte I hate her because she is beautiful.
Prudence Come here, girl.
Cinderella Yes, Prudence.
Prudence You must do all the work.
Charlotte You can wear this old dress.
Cinderella Oh, no!
Prudence Start working! The house is dirty.
Chorus The ugly sisters laugh at her.
Cinderella I'm so sad. (*She cries.*)

SCENE 3

A LETTER FROM THE KING

Prudence Here's a letter from the King.
Mother What does it say?
Prudence He's having a party for the Prince.
Mother Where?
Prudence At the palace.
Cinderella When?
Prudence On Saturday.
Charlotte A party! A party!
Cinderella Can I come?
Prudence and Charlotte No, you can't.
Mother Cinderella, you can make our dresses.
Cinderella Yes, Mother, I'll make the dresses.

SCENE 4

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

Chorus It is Saturday evening and the sisters are going to the party.
Prudence and Charlotte Goodbye, Cinderella. (*They laugh.*) Ha! Ha! Ha!

Cinderella Have a wonderful time!
Mother Goodbye, Cinderella.
Cinderella I'm so sad. (*She cries.*)
Fairy Why are you crying?
Cinderella I can't go to the party.
Fairy Yes, you can.
Cinderella How?
Fairy I'll help you.
Cinderella How?
Fairy With my magic wand.
Cinderella I'm so happy. I can go! I can go!



SCENE 5

YOU CAN GO TO THE PARTY!

Fairy Bring me a pumpkin.
Cinderella A pumpkin? That's strange.
Fairy Good. Now get the mouse trap.
Cinderella The mouse trap?
Fairy Good. Look! There are six white mice in the trap.
White Mice Hello, Cinderella. We are six mice!
Mouse 1 One.
Mouse 2 Two.
Mouse 3 Three.
Mouse 4 Four.
Mouse 5 Five.
Mouse 6 Six.
Fairy Now, I need six lizards.
Cinderella Six lizards?
Lizards Hello, Cinderella. We are six lizards.
Lizard 1 One.
Lizard 2 Two.
Lizard 3 Three.
Lizard 4 Four.
Lizard 5 Five.
Lizard 6 Six.
Fairy Cinderella, you will go to the ball.
Mice and Lizards Cinderella, we will take you to the ball.
Fairy Watch! The pumpkin is a coach!
Cinderella Look, a gold coach!
Fairy The mice are horses!
Cinderella Look, six white horses!
Fairy The lizards are footmen!
Cinderella But I can't go like this.
Fairy No, not in your old dress!

SCENE 6

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK THE MAGIC STOPS

Cinderella A beautiful dress and glass shoes!
Fairy Are you happy?
Cinderella Oh yes, thank you. Can I go now?
Fairy Listen, this is important. You must leave the party before the clock strikes twelve.
Cinderella Oh! Why?
Fairy Because at twelve o'clock the magic will stop. Do you understand?
Clock You will only have a pumpkin, lizards, mice and an old dress. Ding, dong!
Cinderella Yes, I understand. I won't forget.
Fairy Goodbye, Cinderella.
Cinderella Goodbye, and thank you for everything!

SCENE 7

WHO IS SHE?

Chorus The coach arrived at the palace and Cinderella went to the party.
Footman 1 Look at that coach!
Footman 2 Who is she?
People Who is she? Who is she?
Charlotte Look at her! Is she a princess?
Prudence Yes, a very important princess.
Prince Who is she? Do you know her?
King No, I have never seen her before.
Prince Will you dance with me?
Cinderella Yes, I will.
Prince I think you are the most beautiful girl in the world!

SCENE 8

IT'S MIDNIGHT!

Clock Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock . . .
Cinderella Oh, what's the time?
Prince It's one minute to twelve.
Cinderella It's nearly midnight! I must go!
Prince Wait! I don't even know your name!
Chorus Run, Cinderella, run!
Clock Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!
Chorus At midnight the magic stopped. Cinderella left one of her shoes.



SCENE 9

WHERE IS THE PRINCESS?

Prince Did you see a beautiful princess?
Footmen We only saw a girl.
Prince Look, there's her shoe! I will find her and this shoe will help me.
Footmen Yes, Prince.
Prince When I find her, I'll marry her.
Footmen Yes, Prince.

SCENE 10

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

Chorus The next day the footmen put up an important notice.
People What's that?
Footmen It's an important notice.
People What does it say?
Footmen Every girl in the country must try on the little glass shoe. The prince will marry the girl who can wear it.

SCENE 11

CINDERELLA, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

Prince This is the Prince! Open the door!
Mother Come in.
Father Girls, try on the shoe!
Prudence Oh, it's too short and wide.
Charlotte Oh, it's too small and narrow.
Prince Are there any other girls in the house?
Mother No!
Father Yes! There's Cinderella.
Prudence and Charlotte She didn't go to the party. She's only the kitchen girl.
Father Cinderella, try on the shoe!
Mother It fits!
Prudence and Charlotte Oh, no it doesn't.
Father Oh, yes it does.
Cinderella Here is the other shoe.
Cinderella takes out the other shoe from her pocket.
Prince It's you! You are my princess!
Fairy Look, you are a princess.
Everybody Look at her beautiful dress!
Prudence I'm sorry, Cinderella.
Charlotte We were unkind to you.
Cinderella Don't worry. It doesn't matter.
Prince Cinderella, will you marry me?
Cinderella Yes, I will, because I love you too.
Prince Let's go to the palace.
Cinderella Can my sisters come to the palace too?
Prince Yes, of course they can.
Everybody Hooray! Hooray!
Chorus And they all lived happily ever after.