

# SIMPLE PAST TENSE

## CINDERELLA

Once upon a time there was a beautiful girl called Cinderella and she had two ugly step sisters who were very unkind who made her do all the hard work. She had to sweep the floors, do all the dishes, while they dressed up in fine clothes and went to lots of parties. One day a special invitation arrived at Cinderella's house. It was from the royal palace. The king's only son was a truly handsome prince was going to have a grand ball. Three girls were invited to come. Cinderella knew she wouldn't be allowed to go to the ball. But the ugly sisters, ho ho ho, they were excited. They couldn't talk about anything else. When the day of the ball came, they made such a fuss. Poor Cinderella had to rush about upstairs and downstairs. She fixed their hair in fancy waves and curls. She helped them put on their expensive new dresses. And she arranged their jewels just so. As soon as they had gone, Cinderella sat down by the fire and she said. "Oh I do wish I could go to the ball". The next moment, standing beside her was a lovely old lady with a silver wand in here hand. "Cinderella, she said " I am your fairy godmother and you shall go to the ball. But first you must go into the garden and pick a golden pumpkin, then bring me six mice from the mousetraps, a whiskered rat from the rat trap, and six lizards. You'll find the lizards behind the watering can. So Cinderella fetched a golden pumpkin, six grey mice, a whiskered rate, six lizards. The fairy godmother touched them with her wand and the pumpkin became a golden coach, the mice became six grey horses, the rat became a coachman with the most enormous moustache, and the lizards became six footmen dressed in green and yellow, then the fairy godmother touched Cinderella with the wand and her old dress became a golden dress sparkling with jewels while on her feet was the prettiest pair of glass slippers ever seen. Remember said the fairy godmother you must leave the ball before the clock strikes twelve because at midnight the magic ends. "Thank you fairy godmother" said Cinderella and she climbed into the coach. When Cinderella arrived at the ball she looked so beautiful that everyone wondered who she was! Even the ugly sisters. The Prince of course asked here to dance with him and they danced all evening. He would not dance with anyone else. Now Cinderella was enjoying the ball so



## QUESTIONS

1. How many stepsisters did Cinderella have?  
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2. What did the stepsisters do while Cinderella did the housework?  
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3. Where did the invitation come from?  
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4. Who were invited to the prince's grand ball?  
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5. What did Cinderella wish after her stepsisters left for the ball?  
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6. Who did Cinderella see beside her?  
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7. What did the old lady have in her hand?  
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8. What did the fairy want from Cinderella?  
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9. What happened when the fairy touched Cinderella with her wand?  
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10. How did Cinderella look when she arrived at the ball?  
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11. What did the prince do when he saw Cinderella?  
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12. What did Cinderella do when the clock began to strike?  
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13. Where did she drop one of her glass slippers?  
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14. How did Cinderella go home?  
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much that she forgot her fairy godmothers warning until it was almost midnight and the clock began to strike. One. Two. Three. She hurried out of the ballroom. Four. Five. Six. As she ran down the palace steps one of her glass slippers fell off. Seven. Eight. Nine. She ran on toward the golden coach. Ten Eleven Twelve. Then there was Cinderella in her old dress. The golden pumpkin lay in her feet. And scampering down off down the road were six grey mice, a whiskered rat and six green lizards. So Cinderella had to walk home and by the time the ugly sisters returned home was sitting quietly by the fire. Now when Cinderella ran from the palace, the prince tried to follow her and he found the glass slipper. He said, "I shall marry the beautiful girl whose foot fits this slipper and only her. IN the morning the prince went from house to house with the glass slipper and every young lady tried to squeeze her foot into it. But it didn't' fit any of them. At last the prince came to Cinderella's house. First one ugly sister tried to squash her foot into the slipper. But her foot was too wide and fat. Then the other ugly sister tried but her foot was too long and thin. Please said Cinderella, let me try. "The slipper won't fit you", said the ugly sisters. "You didn't go to the ball!" But Cinderella slipped her foot into the glass slipper and it fit perfectly. The next moment standing beside her was the fairy godmother. She touched Cinderella with the wand and there she was in a golden dress sparkling with jewels and on her feet was the prettiest pair of glass slippers ever seen. The ugly sisters were so surprised that, for once they couldn't think of anything to say. But the Prince knew what to say. He asked Cinderella to marry him. And then there was a happy wedding. Everyone who had gone to the ball was invited, even the ugly sisters. There was wonderful food, lots of music and dancing. And the Prince of course danced every dance with Cinderella. He would not dance with anyone else.



15. What was she doing when the stepsisters arrived?  
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16. Who found the glass slipper?  
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17. Could the stepsisters fit into the glass slipper?  
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18. What did the prince want Cinderella do after the glass slipper fit her?  
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19. Did Cinderella marry the prince in the end?  
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20. Did the prince dance with the stepsisters?  
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## TRUE OR FALSE

1. Her stepsisters were more beautiful than Cinderella.  
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2. Cinderella's stpesisters were very rude and cruel towards her.  
( ..... )
3. The stepsisters did all the housework at home.  
( ..... )
4. The king of the country had more than one son.  
( ..... )
5. The prince was good looking and single.  
( ..... )
6. Cinderella knew that she would go the ball.  
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7. When the day of the ball came Cinderella had to do a lot of housework.  
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8. Cinderella wished she would see a fairy by the fire.  
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9. The fairy was an young woman and she carried a basket of fruit in her hand.  
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10. The fairy godmother turned the pumpkin into a golden coach.  
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11. Cinderella wore a pair of leather slippers to the ball.  
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12. The fairy said Cinderella had to leave the ball before 12 o'clock.  
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13. Cinderella left the ball before the clock stroke.  
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14. Cinderella could go back home before her stepsisters.  
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15. The prince wanted to marry Cinderella because the glass slipper fitted only her.  
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