

Genre: Short Story

# The Princess and the Pea

(a retelling)

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One day Princess Ella was caught in a horrible storm. Water flowed throughout the heels of her shoes and out of the toes. As she ran through the rain she sees a golden castle. Blue lights flickered in the windows. Her gown was soaked in the rain and she was very cold. She imagined that on a nicer day there might be trumpeters at the big golden gate. She lifted the big knocker with a bang!

The very grumpy king answered the door. He was very grumpy indeed. He was so grumpy even his mustache was frowning.

He said to Princess Ella, "Who are you and what do you want?"

"I am Princess Ella. Would you be so kind as to let me stay here for the night?"

The king did not believe she was a princess, but he let her in. Then out of the dining room the queen emerged.

"Who are you and who let you in here?"

"I am Princess Ella," she said.

The queen said, "see about that princess" to herself as she walked away with a sly grin.

The queen sneaked into the guest bedroom and hid a pea under twenty mattresses and twenty featherbeds. Ella climbed to the top of all of the mattresses and featherbeds, and when she got to the top, she said "Whooo!" She rolled and she turned, but she could not get comfortable.

When Ella woke up, she was covered in bruises. When she climbed down the ladder, every step hurt. When she got to the bottom of the bed, the king and queen were waiting for her.

The queen asked, "How did you sleep?"

Ella said, "I barely slept at all!"

The queen was so surprised, she fainted. Ella ran to help the queen but then she saw a young man.

The young man said, "Would you like a muffin?"

Then Ella found out he was not a servant at all! He was a prince!

Then Ella said, "Yes, I would love a muffin." But that was not all she loved.

When Ella was about to bite into the muffin, she saw a flickering light coming from the glass vase. It was a marriage ring!

They were married the next day, and they lived happily ever after.

The End

# Did you guess First Grade??

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On the lines below, describe the PRINCESS'S TROUBLE.

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