



LEARN ENGLISH THROUGH STORIES



GRAMATICĂ ȘI VOCABULAR
TESTE. CLASELE 5-6



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LITTLE SNOW WHITE

Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm

TEST 1

I. Read the text:

Once upon a time in midwinter, when the snowflakes were falling like feathers from heaven, a queen sat sewing at her window, which had a frame of black ebony wood. As she sewed she looked up at the snow and pricked her finger with her needle. Three drops of blood fell into the snow. The red on the white looked so beautiful that she thought to herself, "If only I had a child as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as the wood in this frame."

Soon afterward she had a little daughter who was as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as ebony wood, and therefore they called her Little Snow White. And as soon as the child was born, the queen died.

A year later the king took himself another wife. She was a beautiful woman, but she was proud and arrogant, and she could not stand it if anyone might surpass her in beauty. She had a magic mirror. Every morning she stood before it, looked at herself, and said:

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who in this land is fairest of all?"

To this the mirror answered:

"You, my queen, are fairest of all."

Then she was satisfied, for she knew that the mirror spoke the truth. Snow White grew up and became ever more beautiful. When she was seven years old she was as beautiful as the light of day, even more beautiful than the queen herself.

One day when the queen asked her mirror:

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who in this land is fairest of all?"

It answered:

"You, my queen, are fair; it is true.

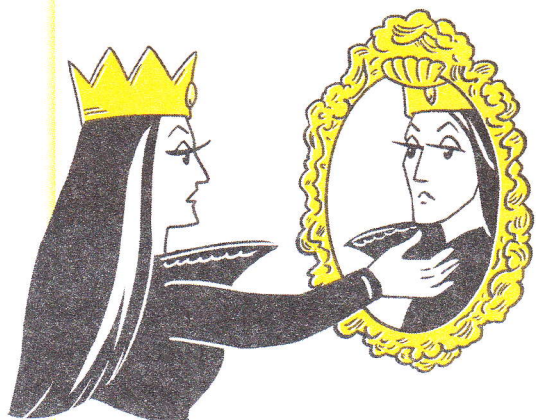
But Snow White is a thousand times fairer than you."

The queen took fright and turned yellow and green with envy. From that hour on whenever she looked at Snow White her heart turned over inside her body, so great was her hatred for the girl. The envy and pride grew ever greater, like a weed in her heart, until she had no peace day and night.

Then she summoned a huntsman and said to him, "Take Snow White out into the woods. I never want to see her again. Kill her, and as proof that she is dead bring her lungs and her liver back to me."

The huntsman obeyed and took Snow White into the woods. He took out his hunting knife and was about to stab it into her innocent heart when she began to cry, saying, "Oh, dear huntsman, let me live. I will run into the wild woods and never come back."

Because she was so beautiful the huntsman took pity on her, and he said, "Run away, you poor child."



He thought, "The wild animals will soon devour you anyway," but still it was as if a stone had fallen from his heart, for he would not have to kill her.

Just then a young boar came running by. He killed it, cut out its lungs and liver, and took them back to the queen as proof of Snow White's death. The cook had to boil them with salt, and the wicked woman ate them, supposing that she had eaten Snow White's lungs and liver.

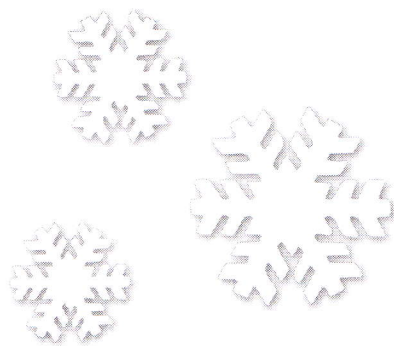
II. Vocabulary

midwinter = mijlocul iernii
snowflakes = fulgi de zăpadă
feathers = pene
heaven = rai
sew = a coase
frame = ramă
ebony = abanos
prick = a se înțepa
needle = ac
drop = picătură
therefore = prin urmare, de aceea
proud = mândru
can not stand = a nu suporta
surpass = a depăși, a întrece
boar = porc mistreț

fair = frumos
take fright = a se speria, a se îngrozi
turn yellow = a se îngălbeni
envy = invidie
hatred = ură
pride = mândrie
weed = buruiană
summon = a chema, a convoca
proof = dovadă
lung = plămân
liver = ficat
obey = a îndeplini, a da ascultare
stab = a înjunghia, a străpunge
take pity on smb = a ți se face milă de cineva
suppose = a presupune

III. True or False?

1. The action happens in midsummer. ☐
2. The queen sat sewing in the garden. ☐
3. The queen wanted her baby to be as white as snow. ☐
4. The king wanted the girl to be called Snow White. ☐
5. The queen died when Snow White was one year old. ☐
6. The king married a very kind woman. ☐
7. The magic mirror never lied. ☐
8. The wicked queen wanted to be the most beautiful woman in the world. ☐
9. Snow White's beauty surpassed the queen's. ☐
10. The queen asked Snow White to leave the house. ☐
11. The hunter had to bring the queen some proof for the girl's death. ☐
12. The hunter killed the first animal that appeared in front of him. ☐
13. The queen had lungs and liver for dinner. ☐





IV. Answer the following questions:

1. When did the action happen?

2. Where did the queen sew?

3. What happened to the queen while looking up at the snow?

4. What fell into the snow?

5. What was the queen's wish seeing how beautiful the red of her blood looked on the white of snow?

6. How did the queen and the king call their daughter?

7. What happened as soon as the girl was born?

8. What did the king do soon after his wife's death?

9. What did the king's new wife look like?

10. What couldn't Snow White's stepmother stand?

11. What did she do every morning?

12. How beautiful was Snow White as she grew up?

13. Why did the queen take fright and turn yellow and green with envy one day?

14. How did the queen think to get rid of the girl?

15. What was the proof she asked the hunter?

16. Why did the hunter give up killing her?

17. How did he prove Snow White's death?

18. What did the queen ask the cook?

V. Fill in the blanks with the word that best suits (choose the words from the vocabulary list):

1. From her room, she could hear big _____ of rain falling down on the roof of her house.
2. I _____ the way you behave.
3. She _____ on the helpless kitten and took it home.
4. Give me a _____ that you are telling me the truth.
5. I always liked watching the _____ dancing in the air.
6. If you want to sew something you need a _____ and thread.
7. Give up smoking if you want to have healthy _____ !
8. When I passed the exam, my parents were very _____ of me.
9. Peacocks have the most beautiful and colourful _____ .
10. If you don't want to _____ the rules, you will have to bear the consequences.

VI. Put the following sentences in the order they occur in the text:

- ☐ The king married a very proud and arrogant woman.
- ☐ The hunter came back with false evidence.
- ☐ The queen wanted to have a child.
- ☐ The name of the girl was inspired by the beauty of the red on the white.
- ☐ Snow White begged the hunter not to kill her.
- ☐ The queen died soon after her child's birth.
- ☐ The wicked queen found out that Snow White was more beautiful than she.
- ☐ The queen had a magic mirror.
- ☐ The hunter let the girl alive.
- ☐ The wicked queen wanted the girl to be killed.

VII. Translate into English:

A fost odată ca niciodată o regină care dorea să aibă un copil. Într-o zi, visul ei a devenit realitate și a dat naștere unei fete, pe care a numit-o Albă-ca-Zăpada. Dar, curând după nașterea copilului, regina a murit, iar regele s-a căsătorit cu o femeie foarte frumoasă, dar foarte rea. Ea își

dorea să fie cea mai frumoasă din lume și s-a înfuriat când Albă-ca-Zăpada a depășit-o.

Deoarece nu a suportat acest lucru, regina a cerut unui vânător să o ucidă într-o pădure și să îi aducă plămânii și ficatul, ca dovadă a morții ei. Vânătorul a îndeplinit ordinul reginei, dar când a ajuns în pădure, i s-a făcut milă de fată și a lăsat-o în viață. Apoi a omorât un porc mistreț, i-a scos plămânii și ficatul și le-a dus reginei. Crezând că sunt ale Albei-ca-Zăpada, regina i-a cerut bucătarului să le fiarbă și le-a mâncat.

VIII. Let's learn more!

Expressions with *take*:

- *Take after* = a semăna cu
- *Take a journey* = a face o călătorie
- *Take a bath/a shower* = a face o baie/un duș
- *Take a nap* = a trage un pui de somn
- *Take a look/glance* = a arunca o privire
- *Take off* = a dezbrăca
- *Take photos* = a face fotografii
- *Take care of* = a avea grijă de
- *Take a rest* = a se odihni
- *Take turns* = a face cu rândul

IX. Fill in the blanks with the suitable expression:

1. Don't let your sister alone with the baby! _____ at staying with it!
2. Don't forget to _____ of the most interesting places you are going to visit!
3. You _____ your mum. You both have brown hair and blue eyes.
4. Shall we _____ to Bucharest?
5. Call my brother later, please! He is _____ now!
6. Could you _____ my kitten while I am out?
7. I'm very tired and sleepy. I'm going to _____. So, don't disturb me, please!
8. _____ at this picture, please!