

The Princess and the Gardener

WORKBOOK

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Chapter 1 The Perfect Day

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Find words in the story which mean the same as the following:

1	A dark red colour	
2	A stain, a slight flaw	
3	A dark outline of a figure produced when light is projected onto a brighter background	
4	A bunch of flowers	
5	A large bat which feeds on fruit	
6	When a light or fire is put out	
7	A big smile	
8	Tired of something ; had enough of something	
9	Baby plants	
10	Ate quickly and hungrily	

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

1. The sky was on fire.
2. The peaceful scene was disturbed by a group of large bats.
3. The young man and his bride were soon going to be married.
4. The bride was a princess.
5. Danny had mixed feelings about his dream
6. Danny didn't have much of an appetite after the dream.
7. Danny's father thought his son would not do well in life.
8. Danny's mother had a dream which was similar to Danny's when she was younger.
9. At the beginning of the story, Danny was fifteen years old.

Chapter 2 Something in the Air

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
Weeds	a. Take a smell
He's got green fingers	b. Staring
Examples of vegetables	c. Pooh
Sniff the air	d. Prevent their growth
Handcuffs	e. When someone is good at growing things
Stop them from getting bigger	f. Stealing money from the company you work for
Embezzlement	g. Tomatoes, carrots and pumpkins
A slang' word for manure	h. Plants which grow that you don't want to have
peering (out)	i. What the police use when they arrest someone

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

1. Danny pulled out the weeds so he could sell them at the market
2. The chicken manure made a special feast for Danny and his parents.
3. Danny's father thought that his son had green fingers.
4. Danny's vegetables were very popular at the market.
5. The police came to Danny's house to buy some vegetables.
6. The police stayed in the house for half an hour.
7. When he heard the word 'embezzlement', Danny understood why the police were taking his father.
8. Danny felt sorry for his father when he was arrested.

Chapter 3 Time for Action!

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
shed	a. Without any hope, very sad
In despair	b. Died
sobbing	c. A lot of people (a dozen = 12 in maths)
starve	d. Crying loudly and intensely
Wellington boots	e. Large, plenty of room to move around
Passed away	f. Small building where you keep tools for gardening
dozens of people	g. Person in charge at the Post Office
Postmaster	h. Green plant covering an area of still water
Spacious	i. Die from lack of food
Algae	j. Rubber, waterproof footwear

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

1. That evening Danny couldn't stop thinking about what had happened to his father.
2. Danny ordered take-away pizza but they had no money to pay for it.
3. Danny prepared a vegetable soup for dinner.
4. Danny's mother was too upset to eat dinner.
5. The next day Danny did some gardening before going to look for a job.
6. There were a lot of advertisements for jobs.
7. Danny got the job because there weren't many other applicants.
8. This was not the first time Danny had been inside the palace.

Chapter 4 The Princess

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
dormitory	a. Shy so that your cheeks turn slightly red in colour
cobbler	b. Cucumbers, beans, pumpkins, cauliflowers, cabbages, parsnips
gaze	c. A large room with many beds
examples of veggies	d. Find out what the problem is, dig deep
get to the root of something	e. Stare, look for a long time
embarrassed	f. Someone who makes and mends footwear

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

1. Danny had a spacious bedroom to himself.
2. In total there were eleven people working at the palace.
3. The gardens were not in a good condition.
4. There were lots of insects eating some of the vegetables.
5. Danny was good at pulling up weeds because he was so strong.
6. Danny would talk and sing to his vegetables in his own garden.
7. The girl Danny saw was the same age as him.
8. When the girl saw Danny she looked embarrassed.

Chapter 5 The First Kiss

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>haunted</i>	a. Look at someone with a feeling of hatred
<i>glare</i>	b. Slightly sad
<i>ripe</i>	c. Turned from solid to liquid because of heat
<i>disappointed</i>	d. Give a long noisy breath showing sadness or relief
<i>melted</i>	e. When a fruit is ready to eat
<i>sigh</i>	f. When a ghost lives there, OR having strong feelings which you can't escape

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

1. Danny couldn't sleep because there was a ghost in the dormitory.
2. Danny didn't eat any breakfast because it wasn't very tasty.
3. The young gardener didn't like Danny because he felt jealous.
4. Danny's heart 'melted' because he felt disappointed.
5. There weren't any fish in the lake.
6. There was no apparent reason why the fish in the lake had died.
7. Danny sighed because he was sad the fish had died.
8. The boy watching Danny and the girl was the King's son.

Chapter 6 In Deep Trouble Now

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
drag	a. Room, bedroom
chamber	b. He lost control of my emotions / OR He was executed, his head was cut off
throne	c. A dark unpleasant prison room
Sire	d. Sunrise, day-break
speechless	e. Pull something behind (usually heavy)
He lost his head	f. When someone is executed, killed for a crime they committed
dungeon	g. Couldn't speak, unable to say anything
execution	h. The form of address for the King
dawn	i. The chair where the King or Queen sits

Activity 2 The suffix '....less'.

Find words which mean the following. They all end in '...less'

The first one is done for you

Meaning	Word
e.g. unable to speak	speechless
Without taking proper care	
Without an end, going on forever	
No doubt about it	
Not afraid, having no fear	
With no home to live in	
Having no real meaning	
Not useful at all	
Unkind, not having a kind heart	

Chapter 7 The Choice

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>grief</i>	a. A passage under the ground
<i>threat</i>	b. Unwilling to listen to other people's advice, hard-headed
<i>stubborn</i>	c. Opposing, not in agreement
<i>pass sentence</i>	d. To close one's eyes to prevent too much light getting in, or to see more clearly
<i>dilemma</i>	e. To look quickly, for a short time
<i>tunnel</i>	f. Great sadness
<i>secret</i>	g. To close one's eyes quickly for a short time, usually as a sign to someone else
<i>trapdoor</i>	h. A problem, having to choose what to do, what action to take
<i>to lie</i>	i. Promise to do something bad
<i>to lurk</i>	j. Not to speak the truth
<i>to squint</i>	k. When a judge decides how to punish a criminal
<i>to wink</i>	l. To hide, waiting to do something bad
<i>conflicting</i>	m. Something which only a few people know about, not meant to be public knowledge
<i>to glance</i>	n. A small door or opening leading to a different place, usually kept locked

Activity 2 Multiple choice questions

Choose one option, a, b, c or d

1. What was Delia's threat to her father?
 - a. She didn't want her father to execute Danny.
 - b. She was overcome with great sadness.
 - c. She said she would kill herself if Danny died.
 - d. She said she loved Danny very much.

2. What was the King's dilemma?
 - a. He loved his daughter very much.
 - b. He wanted Danny to be executed.
 - c. His daughter was very stubborn.
 - d. He didn't want people to think he was weak.

3. What do we know about the tunnels?
 - a. Only a few people knew they existed.
 - b. They both led to freedom.
 - c. No one had ever come out of them alive.
 - d. There was a trapdoor at the end of just one of them.

4. What do we know about the tunnel which led to freedom?
 - a. No one ever came out of there alive.
 - b. It was long, dark and scary.
 - c. It was full of terrible creatures.
 - d. There was no trapdoor at the end of it.

5. What was Danny's dilemma?
 - a. Delia winked at him twice.
 - b. He wasn't sure why Delia had winked her right eye at him.
 - c. He wasn't sure which door led to freedom.
 - d. He knew he had to make a choice.

Chapter 8 The Decision

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>without further ado</i>	a. Spiders make these to catch insects
<i>to slam</i>	b. To wish you hadn't made that decision, wish you hadn't done something
<i>uneven</i>	c. Nice smell, perfume
<i>bumpy</i>	d. To shut with a loud noise
<i>cobwebs</i>	e. A very small light in the distance
<i>a pinpoint of light</i>	f. Not even, up and down
<i>fragrance</i>	g. Not smooth
<i>to nestle</i>	h. Without delay, without thinking about it anymore
<i>to regret</i>	i. To sit closely together, comfortably

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

1. Danny chose the left door because Delia had winked her left eye.
2. Danny couldn't see anything at all in the tunnel.
3. The walls of the tunnel were uneven and bumpy.
4. There were spiders and insects inside the tunnel.
5. He couldn't get the trapdoor open to escape from the tunnel.
6. The palace was quite a long way from the tunnel exit.
7. Danny had only imagined going through the door on the left.
8. Once inside the tunnel on the right, Danny knew he had made the right decision.

Chapter 9 The Tunnel

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>disgusting</i>	a. The liquid which comes from plants
<i>maggots</i>	b. The liquid that comes from the nose, especially when you have a cold
<i>to crawl</i>	c. To close one's eyes briefly every few seconds, to stop the eyes from getting dry
<i>sap</i>	d. To take hold of something, quickly
<i>to blink</i>	e. To move slowly, the way insects move
<i>slimy</i>	f. To stop breathing for a short time
<i>snot</i>	g. Small worms which come from flies' eggs
<i>to grab</i>	h. The noise an angry dog makes
<i>growl</i>	i. Terrible, not pleasant at all
<i>to hold one's breath</i>	j. Wet and sticky, not pleasant to touch

Activity 2 Multiple choice questions

Choose one option, a, b, c or d

1. In what way were the two tunnels similar?
 - a. They were both hot with a bad smell.
 - b. They were both difficult to walk along.
 - c. They were both full of nasty creatures.
 - d. They were both disgusting to touch.
2. What do we know about the maggots?
 - a. They covered the whole tunnel.
 - b. Danny didn't like the feeling when he touched them.
 - c. They were sucking the sap from Danny.
 - d. The big creature that lived there found the maggots unpleasant.
3. When Danny thought: '*That explains **that** then*', what does **that** mean?
 - a. Why the maggots felt disgusting to touch.
 - b. Why the maggots were everywhere in the tunnel.
 - c. Why the plants in the garden were dying.
 - d. Why the maggots were white in colour.
4. Why did Danny cover himself in pooh?
 - a. His grandfather told him to do so.
 - b. In order to keep the maggots off him.
 - c. Because there was such a big pile of it.
 - d. So that the creature would not harm him.
5. When Danny thought: '*I must remember **that***', what does **that** mean?
 - a. The fact that the pooh was slippery.
 - b. The fact that the creature did not harm Danny.
 - c. The fact that the creature's pooh could kill the maggots.
 - d. The fact that the creature found its own pooh unpleasant.
6. When Danny came out of the tunnel why was there no one waiting for him?
 - a. They all thought he would die in the tunnel.
 - b. They were all afraid of the nasty creature in the tunnel.
 - c. They didn't expect him to escape from the tunnel so quickly.
 - d. Because there was a stream of dark liquid coming from the tunnel.
7. At the end of the story Danny said: '*Now I understand*'. **What** did he understand?
 - a. Where the pooh was coming from.
 - b. Why the maggots didn't like the pooh.
 - c. Why the fish in the lake were dying.
 - d. How the pooh could help him.

Chapter 10 The Solution

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>to claim</i>	a. To agree that something is true
<i>to admit</i>	b. A long, deep hole in the ground
<i>barber</i>	c. Decide not to do something even though you want to do it
<i>splendid</i>	d. Goodness from food, necessary for good health and growth
<i>trench</i>	e. A person who cuts men's hair
<i>polluted</i>	f. When someone forgives someone's crimes so they are no longer punished
<i>nutrition</i>	g. Dirty, contaminated
<i>pardon</i>	h. Wonderful, very good
<i>to resist the temptation</i>	i. To take possession of something which is rightfully yours

Activity 2 True, False or Not given?

1. The pooh which Danny had covered himself with made his hair grow longer and stronger.
2. Everyone at the palace was delighted to see Danny again.
3. The first thing Danny did after his visit to the palace was to get his hair cut.
4. The man who had given Danny the 'evil eye' was fired and told to leave the palace.
5. Danny's plan meant that the gardens improved and the maggots in the tunnel disappeared also.
6. Danny's father was allowed to have one day out of prison so he could attend the wedding.
7. Danny's father felt embarrassed about the fact he told his son he would come to a bad end.
8. The end of the story shows that good things only happen in dreams.

These activities relate to all 10 chapters in the story.

Vocabulary extension 1

In this story there are a number of words and phrases which describe things we do with our 'eyes'.

Match the words with their meaning:

Word / phrase	Meaning
<i>blink</i>	a. To look at someone with anger in your eyes
<i>wink</i>	b. To look for a long time, usually trying to find something out
<i>stare</i>	c. To look at someone with hatred in your eyes, wishing bad on someone
<i>glare</i>	d. To close your eyes so they don't dry out
<i>glance</i>	e. To look long and hard at someone
<i>to give someone the evil eye</i>	f. To look at something for a long time, often in amazement
<i>gaze</i>	g. To look at something or someone for a short time
<i>peer</i>	h. To briefly close one eye as sign to someone

Vocabulary extension 2

There are a lot of words in this story which describe 'feelings'.

Match the words with the feeling:

Word / phrase	Meaning
<i>disappointed</i>	a. Very happy indeed
<i>disgusted / disgusting</i>	b. Extreme dislike
<i>feel sorry for someone</i>	c. You feel a little bit ashamed because you've done something wrong, or the feeling you get when you feel shy about something e.g. being in love
<i>despair</i>	d. Frightening
<i>surprised</i>	e. Extremely unpleasant to touch or taste
<i>jealous</i>	f. Slightly sad that things weren't as good as you had hoped
<i>hatred</i>	g. When you feel unhappy that someone else is in a better position than you
<i>embarrassed</i>	h. Extremely sad
<i>love sick</i>	i. When something unexpected happens (usually something positive)
<i>afraid</i>	j. Totally in love with someone
<i>scary</i>	k. Frightened
<i>overcome with grief</i>	l. Extreme sadness
<i>delighted</i>	m. Feel pity or feel sad for what happened to someone else