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## The Princess and the Frog



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"Yes, you can!" said the Princess. She thought it was odd that a frog could talk but then again, she wanted that ball. "You can go get my ball down that well!"

"No problem," said the Frog. "But first there's something I must ask of you."

"Ask of me? What?" said the Princess.

"That you spend time with me today," said the Frog.

"I'm not sure what that means," said the Princess.

"Just spend time with me today," repeated the Frog.

"All right, fine!" said the Princess. "Now, go get my ball!"

**"Just spend time with me today," repeated the Frog.**

"On it!" said the Frog. He dived deep into the well. A few moments later, he came up with the ball held high in one hand, dripping and sparkling.

"You did it!" said the Princess, taking it from him.

She turned to go.

“Wait a minute!” said the Frog. “You promised to spend time with me today!”

“I already did,” she said with a shrug. The Princess headed to the palace without looking back.