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Tales

The Frog Prince

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About the story

Traditional tales have been told for many years. The story of a prince who is turned into a frog by a spell is very old; it was first written down by the Brothers Grimm about two hundred years ago. Enjoy sharing and retelling this timeless story with your child again and again.

Tips for reading together

Talk together

- Read the title and talk about the picture on the cover. Notice what the frog is holding (a golden ball). Read the blurb on the back cover. Ask: *What might happen in this story?*
- Look at pages 8 and 9. Ask: *Where did the frog find the ball? Is that what you thought would happen?*
- Ask: *Can you remember losing something special? Where did you find it? Did someone help you?*

About the words in this story

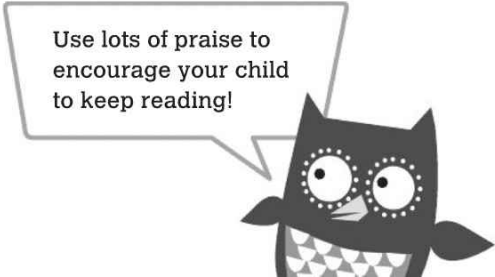
- Your child should be able to read most of the words in this book. Some of them may be more challenging or unusual, such as:

easy friends precious talk

- Encourage your child to sound out and blend these words. If necessary, read them to your child and explain their meaning.

During reading

- Encourage your child to read the story to you. They may be able to read several pages, which will build up their reading stamina.
- Talk about the story language. Look out for phrases which tell you this is a tale that has been told many times, e.g. *Long ago and far away ...*
- Encourage your child to use lots of expression as they read. Draw attention to punctuation that adds expression to the story as it is read aloud, such as exclamation marks, commas, speech marks and question marks.
- As your child reads, draw their attention to any words in italics. Show them how to emphasise these words as they read.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



Use lots of praise to encourage your child to keep reading!

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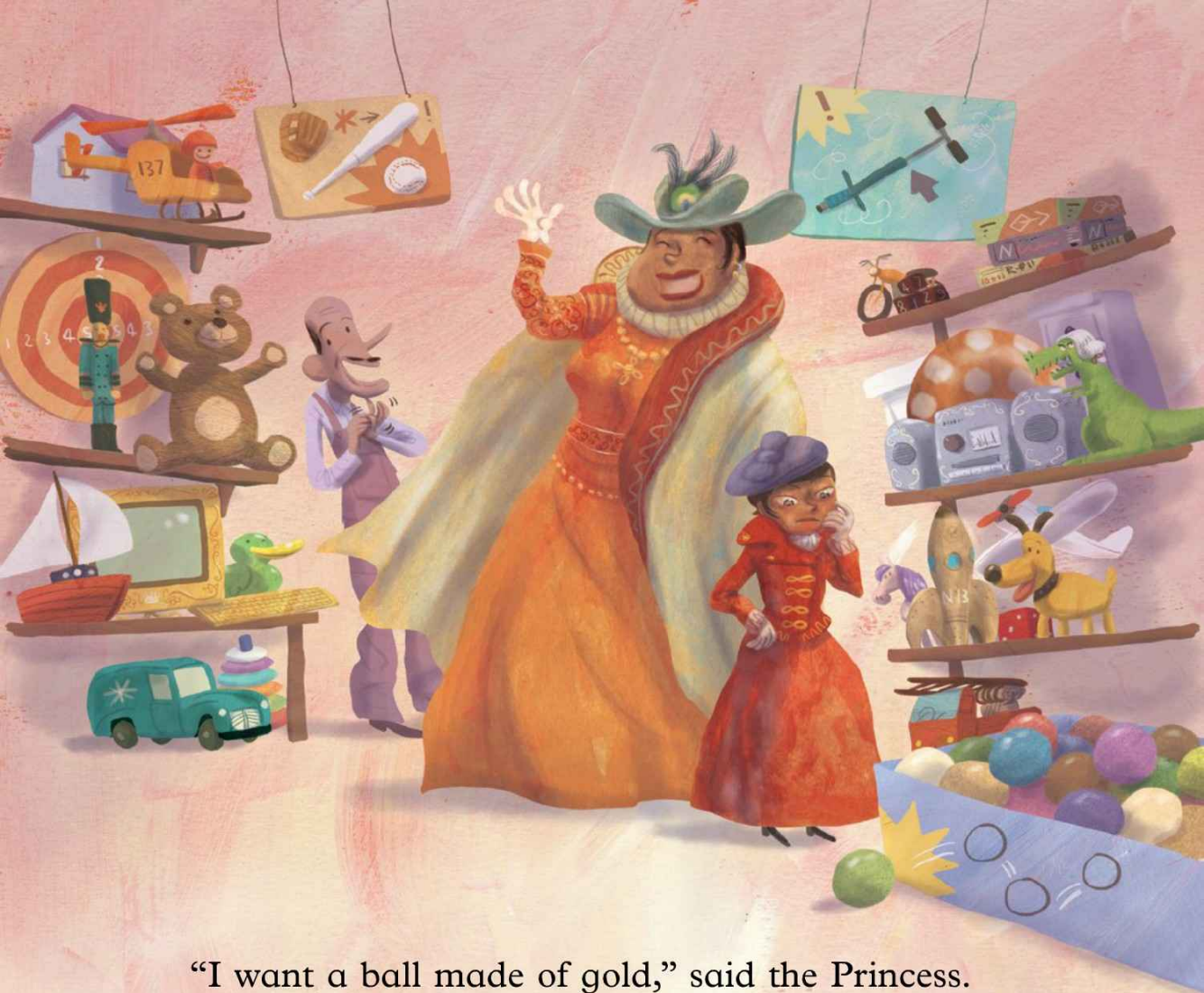
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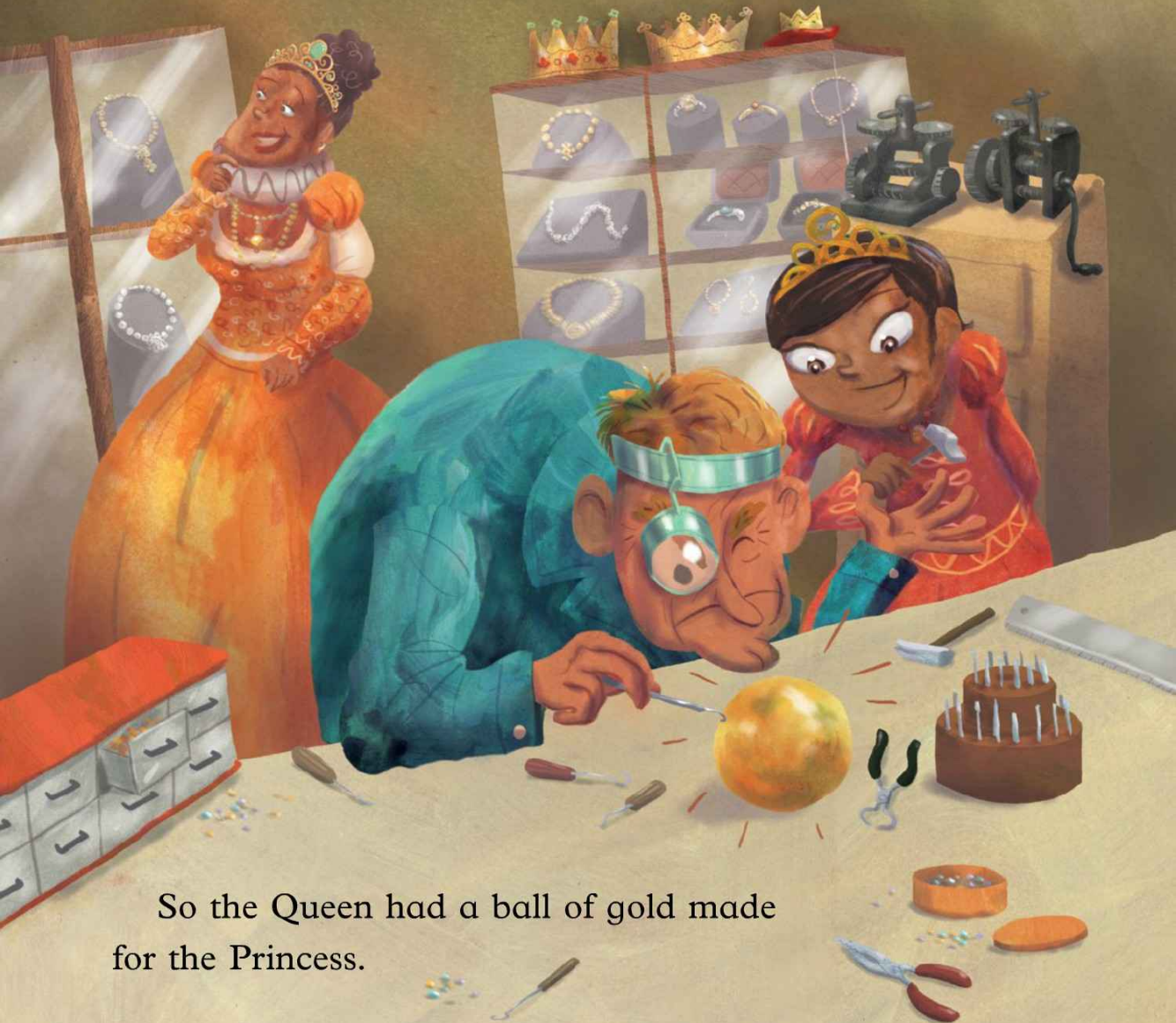
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👑 Long ago and far away, there lived a princess.
On her birthday the Queen said, "I promise to
give you any toy you want."





“I want a ball made of gold,” said the Princess.
“There are no balls made of gold,” said the Queen.
“But a promise is a promise,” said the Princess.



So the Queen had a ball of gold made
for the Princess.

One day the Princess was playing with her ball.
But the ball fell into the pond.



“I have lost my ball made of gold!” said the Princess.
She began to cry.



A small frog hopped over to the Princess.
“I can get your ball back,” the frog said.
“Frogs can’t talk!” said the Princess.



“Well I can!” said Frog.

“I will get your ball back,” said Frog. “But only if you make me a promise.”



“I will promise anything you like,” said the Princess.
“You can even have my crown!”

“A frog has no need for a crown,” said Frog.

“What *do* you want, then?” said the Princess.

“I want you to promise to be my friend,” said Frog.

“Easy!” said the Princess. “I will do that.”



So Frog jumped into the pond. He got the ball back,
just as he had promised.

“Now we will be friends,” he said.



The Princess grabbed the ball. She did not say
'thank you' to Frog.



“Hey!” said Frog. “What about your promise?”
But the Princess just ran away.



Later, as the Princess ate her supper, she heard a sound.

“What’s that?” said the Queen.

“Nothing,” said the Princess.

“Open the door!” said the Queen.
“No, please don’t!” said the Princess.



The Queen opened the door.

“Oh no!” said the Princess.



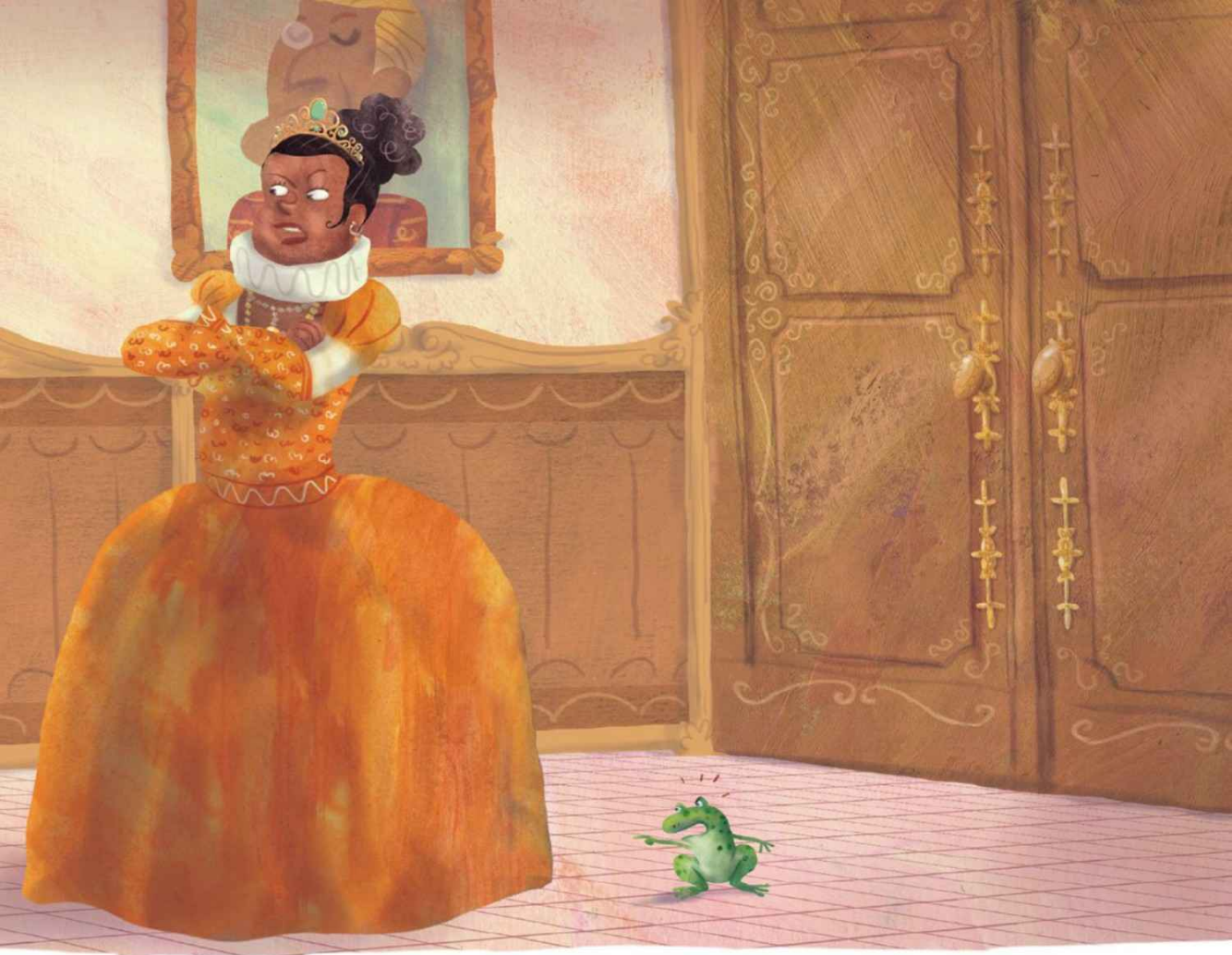
Frog came into the room.

“Good evening,” he said.



“What do you want, Frog?” said the Queen.

“I want the Princess to be my friend, just as she promised,” said Frog.



“I can’t be friends with a cold, wet frog!”
said the Princess.

“A promise is a promise,” said the Queen.

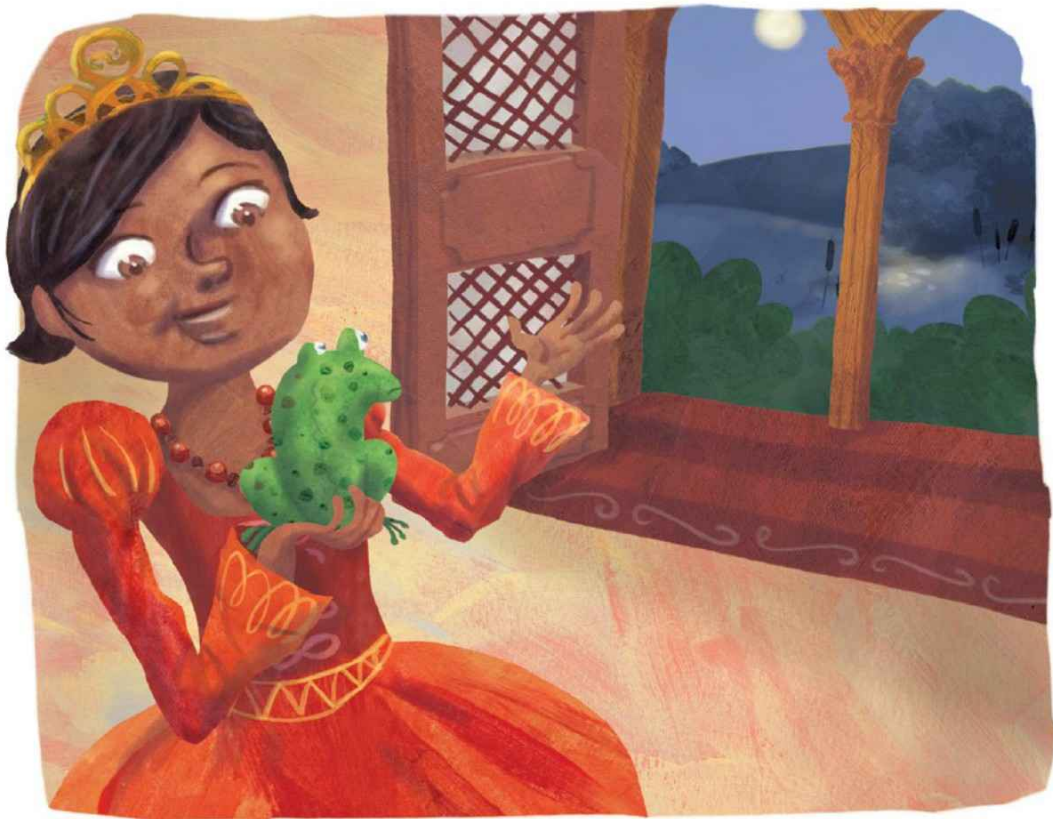
So Frog sat at the table and ate supper from
a plate made of gold.



Slurp!

Burp!

“Now will you go back to the pond?”
said the Princess.



“A real friend would let me stay,” said Frog.
“A promise is a promise.”

So the Princess took Frog up to her bedroom.

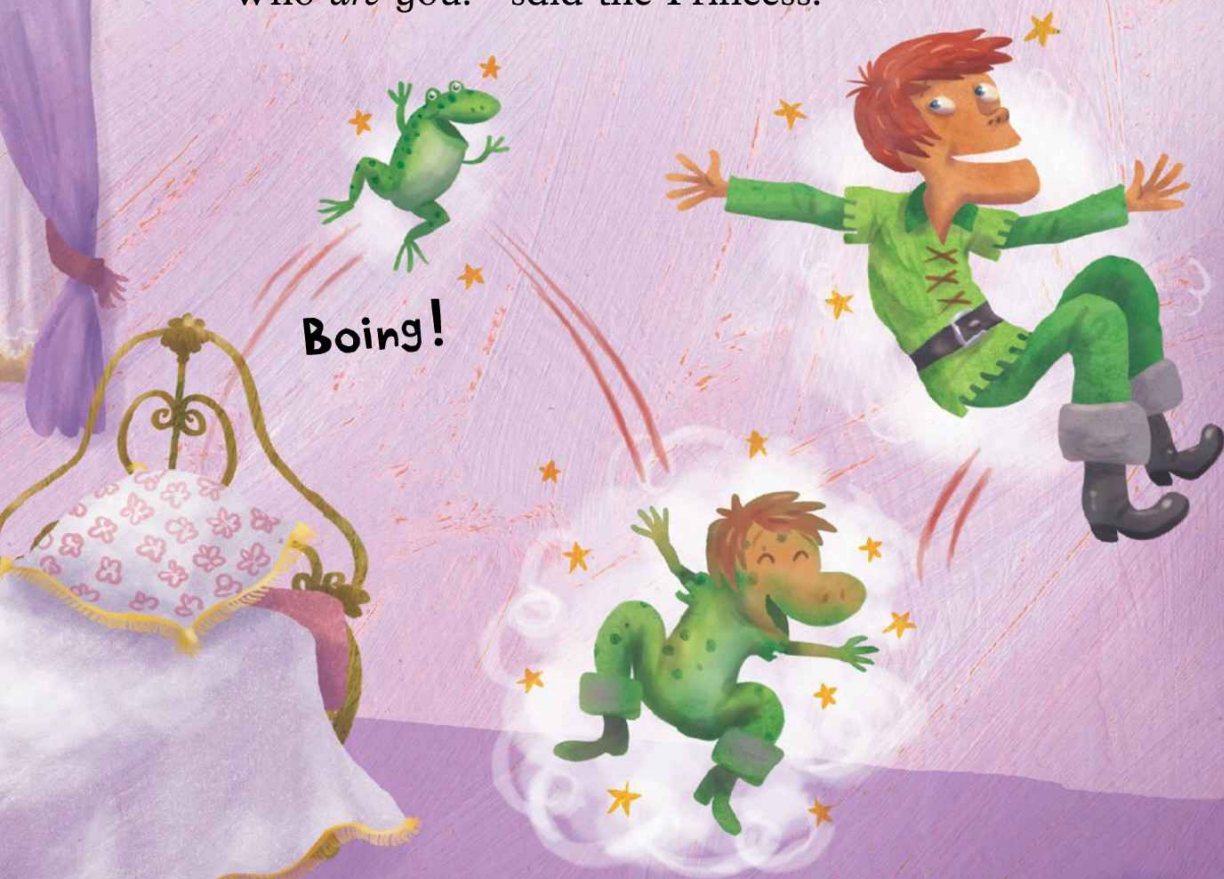
“You can sleep in this nice box,” said the Princess.

“A real friend would let me sleep on her pillow,”
said Frog.

So the Princess put Frog on her pillow.



As he sat on the pillow, magic happened.
Frog grew and grew. He changed into ... a boy!
“Who *are* you?” said the Princess.



“I am a prince,” said the boy. “A witch turned me into a frog. The only thing that could turn me back into a prince was somebody being a good friend to me.”



“But I was a bad friend,” said the Princess. “I didn’t like you at first.”

“You were a good friend,” said the Prince. “You gave me food. You even let me sit on your pillow.”







The Princess and the Prince became real friends. They liked to play with the ball made of gold, but they never went near the pond.

When they grew up, the Prince and Princess
got married.



They promised to love each other for ever.
And they did love each other for ever and ever.
After all, a promise is a promise.

Retell the story

Once upon a time...



The end.

🗨️ Tips for retelling the story

Talk about the story

- Ask: *Which sentence was repeated in this story?* (Look at pages 3, 15, 17 and 23.)
Which characters had to keep a promise?
- Ask: *Do you think the Princess was a nice person at the beginning of the story?*
(Read page 10 again.)
- Turn to page 11 and ask: *Why did the Princess pretend she couldn't hear anything?*
- Ask your child to tell you what happened at the end of the story. Ask: *What do you think the Princess learned from the frog?*

🔍 Retell the story using the story map

- Now you have read the story and talked about it, use the story map on page 24 to retell the story together. Each picture shows an important part of the story.
- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words. You could do this together or take it in turns to tell different parts of it.
- Encourage your child to add sounds into their version of story, such as *Tip tap*, *Splash!*, *Slurp!* or *Boing!*

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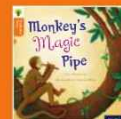


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