

Before Toby knows what he's doing, he's holding the Princess in his arms.


'Oh, Toby!'

'Oh, Prissy!'

Suddenly, someone calls the Princess's name.

'Oh no! I must go back to the ballroom,' Priscilla says, and moves away from Toby.

He pulls her back. 'But - .'

 'It's okay. I'll see you again soon.' Before Toby can say another word the Princess kisses him on the cheek and runs off.



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5 'She's back' at last,' the King says to the Queen when Priscilla appears again.

Priscilla smiles as she enters the royal box. 'Is this dress okay, Mum? I wore it last year.'

'Oh, yes. It's lovely darling,' the Queen says with a big smile.

'Right,' the King says. 'Now sit down, Priscilla. I'm going to make an announcement.'

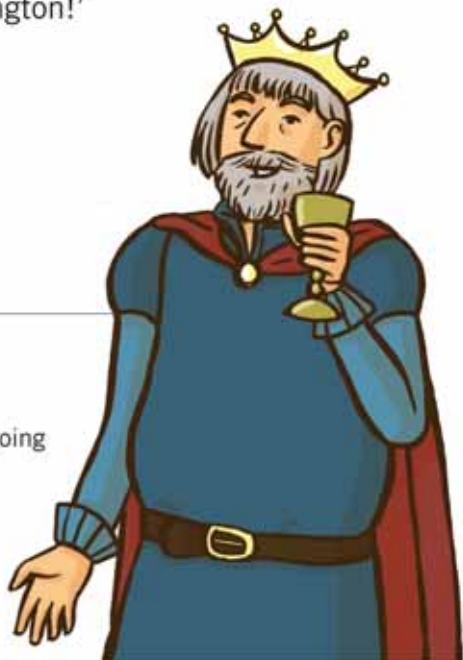
'Huh? What kind of an announcement? What's he talking about, Mum?'

'Alexander!' The Queen tries to stop him from standing up but the King pulls away and steps to the front of the royal box. He is holding a glass of champagne.

'Ladies and Gentlemen! Can I have your attention, please? I've got something important to say.' Everyone stops dancing and looks at him. The King continues. 'I want to make a special announcement. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud to announce the engagement of my daughter, Princess Priscilla, to my good friend Lord Huntington!'

Glossary

- **back:** returned
- **darling:** dear
- **proud:** pleased about what he is going to say.



After Reading

Characters

- 1 Find the right adjectives! Choose two adjectives to describe each of the characters below. Draw a line from the word to the character. Use the adjectives only once.



impatient

hard-working

clever

cruel

lazy

generous

foolish

kind

patient

selfish

weak

strong

- 2 Pair up the opposites! Complete the table with adjectives from Exercise 1.

patient	a)
b)	lazy
strong	c)
d).....	cruel
generous	e)
g)	stupid

3 Say who's who! What is the relationship between these characters and the Princess?

a) Princess Celia

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b) John

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c) Ella

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d) Toby

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4 Try to remember! Who says the following? Who to? When? Why?

a) 'Are you listening to me?'

Who? Who to?
Where? Why?

b) 'Priscilla isn't ready for this.'

Who? Who to?
Where? Why?

c) 'You are a very lucky man!'

Who? Who to?
Where? Why?

d) 'Then why are you trying to force her to marry your friend?'

Who? Who to?
Where? Why?

5 With a partner discuss how the following people help the Princess and Toby.

a) John

b) The farmer

c) The three witches