

The Princess and the Dragon



Teachers instructions: This is a deliberately short and simple story. It is simple because it is designed to be retold by the students. First tell the story, using the pictures if you have an OHP or interactive whiteboard. Retell a few times over the next few lessons. Then retell as a choral drill (teachers says a sentence, the students repeat it). Repeat and then tell a third time, this time encouraging the students to tell you. Emphasize that you do not expect them to remember all the story, but you bet they will remember a bit (This becomes a bit of a challenge to encourage them). Once you feel the students can tell the story more or less (either in that lesson or later), get them to tell it together with their partner, helping each other (give each child a copy of the pictures). The final stage is for them to tell their partner the whole story. They can then take it home as homework to tell their parents. It does not matter if the parents do not understand English. They will be impressed anyway!

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Once upon a time there was a brave knight. One day he was riding through the forest when he met a beautiful princess. "What is your name?" he asked. "My name is Penelope" replied the princess.

"Where do you live?" asked the brave knight. "I live in a big castle" the princess replied.

(You can insert more questions that your students know – turning it into an interview)

Suddenly a huge dragon appeared." I am a dragon. I am going to eat you!" said the huge dragon. "Oh no!" said the princess. "Don't worry" said the knight. "I am strong, I am fast and I am clever. I will fight the dragon".

So the brave knight took his sword and fought the dragon. They fought and fought and fought and fought and finally the brave knight killed the dragon.

The brave knight and the princess got married and they lived happily ever after.