

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!

The Princess and the Witches.

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess called Matilda. One day, the princess was walking through a deep dark forest when she met three black cats. "What's your name?" asked the cats. "My name is Matilda" replied Matilda. "Where do you live?" asked the cats. "I live in a big castle" replied Matilda. "Are you a princess?" asked the cats. "Yes, I am" replied Matilda. Suddenly the three black cats turned into three horrible witches. They took the princess and flew to their castle.

They locked the princess in a tall tower. The princess was scared. Suddenly she saw a frog. The frog had a key. The princess took the key and unlocked the door. She went to the witches room. The witches were sleeping. She saw a book of spells. She opened the book.

How to turn a witch into a mouse.

Ingredients:

1 pumpkin

2 worms

3 bats

Put in a cauldron and stir.

The princess put a pumpkin in the cauldron. She put 2 worms in the cauldron. She put 3 bats in the cauldron. Then she stirred.

Boof! The witches turned into mice. The princess kissed the frog and boof! The frog turned into a ... handsome prince. And they lived happily ever after.

(There is a short simple sketch that small groups can act out on the website)

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