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Before you read, what do you know about the story?

1 A nasty king had a magic mirror.
☐ True ☑ False

2 The mirror said that Snow White was more beautiful than the King.
☐ True ☐ False

3 The Queen was very angry so she told a huntsman to take Snow White into the forest and kill her.
☐ True ☐ False

4 The huntsman couldn't kill her so he told her to run away into the forest.
☐ True ☐ False

5 Snow White lived with six dwarfs.
☐ True ☐ False

6 When Snow White ate a piece of poisoned banana, she fell to the floor and the dwarfs thought that she was dead.
☐ True ☐ False

7 The dwarfs put Snow White in a glass box and took her to the mountain.
☐ True ☐ False

8 A prince saw Snow White and fell in love with her.
☐ True ☐ False

9 The dwarfs dropped the box and the piece of banana fell out of her mouth.
☐ True ☐ False

10 The Prince and the Princess were married and the Queen ran away.
☐ True ☐ False



ONCE upon a time, on a cold winter's day, a queen sat by the window of her castle. She sat and made clothes for her baby. She wanted to have a little girl.

Sometimes she looked out of the window. Outside, the snow fell, and it was very cold.

Suddenly, she pricked her finger with her needle, and three drops of red blood fell from it.

'Red is a beautiful colour,' she thought.

Then she looked at the dark black wood of the trees outside and at the white snow.

'My little girl will be very beautiful,' thought the Queen. 'She will have skin as white as snow, hair as black as those trees and cheeks as red as blood.'



cheeks
the sides of your face

needle

prick

skin
our bodies are covered in skin

Soon the Queen had her baby, a little daughter. And the little girl had skin as white as snow, hair as black as trees in winter and cheeks as red as blood.



'Oh, dear little child,' said the Queen, 'you are very beautiful! I will call you Snow White.'
She loved the little girl very much. But when Snow White was only two years old, a very sad thing happened. The Queen was very ill and she died.

After a few years, Snow White's father, the King, married again. His new queen was beautiful, but she was also nasty and unkind. She thought that she was the most beautiful woman in the country. 'And I will *always* be the most beautiful woman in the country!' she said.

The new queen looked at Snow White. She saw that the little girl was very beautiful, and she was jealous. She saw the light in Snow White's eyes and she wanted to kill her.



jealous

when you are jealous, you want to have something which belongs to another person

The new queen had a magic mirror. Every day she stood in front of it and asked:



'Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who is the most beautiful of all?'
The mirror always answered:
'You are, Queen.'
But one day, when she asked this question, the mirror answered:
'Of all the women who stand tall,
You, Queen, are the most beautiful of all.
But listen now, for this is true:
Snow White is more beautiful than you.'

mirror
a piece of glass which you can look in and see yourself

The Queen was very angry.
'When I see Snow White, I am ill!' she said.
'She must die. I never want to see her face again.'
She gave some money to a huntsman and said to him, 'Take Snow White into the forest and kill her. Do this or you will die. Go! Be quick! Bring me back her heart. Then I will know that she is dead.'



The huntsman did not want to do it, but he was afraid. So he took Snow White and together they walked into the forest. He put his hand on his knife three times. But each time Snow White turned and looked at him, and he could not kill her.



forest heart huntsman knife






1 Answer the questions.

1 On a cold winter's day, a queen sat and made ... for her baby.
a ☑ clothes b ☐ a fire c ☐ food

2 She wanted her daughter to be very ...
a ☐ clever b ☐ kind c ☐ beautiful

3 'She will have ... as white as snow,' she thought.
a ☐ cheeks b ☐ hair c ☐ skin

4 When her baby ..., she called her Snow White.
a ☐ died b ☐ was born c ☐ was ill

5 Her mother died when Snow White was only two ... old.
a ☐ days b ☐ months c ☐ years

6 After ... years, Snow White's father, the King, married again.
a ☐ a few b ☐ five c ☐ many

7 The new queen thought that she was the most beautiful woman in the ...
a ☐ country b ☐ town c ☐ world

8 The Queen was ... of Snow White because she was a very beautiful little girl.
a ☐ afraid b ☐ jealous c ☐ tired

9 Every day ... asked her magic mirror, 'Who is the most beautiful of all?'
a ☐ Snow White b ☐ the King c ☐ the Queen

10 ... the mirror answered, 'Snow White is more beautiful than you.'
a ☐ Every day b ☐ One day c ☐ Sometimes

2 Complete the sentences.

again	always	back	before	could	daughter	deer
~~forest~~	girl	must	on	over	will	

The Queen — I want you to take Snow White into the [1] forest and kill her.

Huntsman — Snow White? The King's [2]_____? But she's only a little [3]_____.

The Queen — When I see Snow White, I am ill! She [4]_____ die. I never want to see her face [5]_____. Kill her. Do this or you will die. Go! Be quick! Bring me [6]_____ her heart. Then I [7]_____ know that she is dead.

Snow White — Oh, thank you. I've [8]_____ wanted to go into the forest.

Snow White turned and looked at the huntsman, and he [9]_____ not kill her. They walked [10]_____ into the forest. He put his hand on his knife again.

Oh, and look [11]_____ there! There's a little [12]_____. Can you see it? Oh, and look at those flowers! I've never seen any like that [13]_____. What are they?

Snow White turned and looked at the huntsman again, and he could not kill her.

