

The Perfect Princess Gown

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Level 6 – Orange

Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE IS A LIST OF PHONEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5			
ay (day)	ou (out)	ie (tie)	ea (eat)
oy (boy)	ir (girl)	ue (blue)	aw (saw)
wh (when)	ph (photo)	ew (new)	oe (toe)
au (Paul)	a_e (make)	e_e (these)	i_e (like)
o_e (home)	u_e (rule)		

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes			
a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so, other)
u (but, unit)	c (cat, cent)	g (got, giant)	ow (cow, blow)
ie (tied, field)	ea (eat, bread)	er (farmer, herb)	ch (chin, school, chef)
y (yes, by, very)	ou (out, shoulder, could, you)		

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.

Phase 5 Tricky Words			
oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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Princess Perfect jumped out of bed. She was so happy. "It's my birthday next week and I need the perfect gown!"



Princess Perfect put on her perfect princess crown. She needed all the people in the castle to help her have the perfect gown for her birthday.



Princess Perfect was the most spoilt princess in all of the land. People had to bow down to Princess Perfect when she entered the room.



“It’s my birthday next week! All of you must help me get the perfect gown. Do not disappoint me!” Princess Perfect said.



First, Princess Perfect went to her maids.
“Bring me the best gowns you have!” she
shouted. Her poor maids.



The maids rushed to bring the best gown for the spoilt princess. They hoped they were not going to disappoint her.



"I look like a clown!" Princess Perfect said with a scowl. Her maids had given her a gown that had lots of frills and big red clown boots. Her face had been powdered too.



“Take this cash and go to town! Get me the perfect gown now!” Princess Perfect yelled at her maids.



The rude princess went to see the cooks.
“I want the best cake for my birthday!
It had better be moist, or else!” she yelled.



The cooks were scared of Princess Perfect.
They started mixing up a cake and making
small sweet flowers to put on top.



The maids came back home. They bowed down to Princess Perfect.



“This was the only gown left at the dress shop, Princess,” said one of the maids.

“I hope it does not disappoint you,” said another.



Princess Perfect put the dress on. She hated it! It was brown and ripped, and it smelt like mud and dirt.



Princess Perfect was boiling with anger. The gown was horrid and smelt a bit! She threw her crown down in a huff.



"You are all spoiling my birthday!" Princess Perfect yelled in a rude way.

"I do not want a rubbish, brown gown!"



“What’s all this noise?” said the King, who was looking a bit angry.



“Pappa! The maids are spoiling my birthday with this horrid gown!” said Princess Perfect. The maids looked upset.



“Princess Perfect! These maids and all the people in the castle are toiling over your birthday!” said the King. “If you cannot be good, then you will have no gown at all!”



Princess Perfect stormed away. She went and sat on the mud with the cows and pigs in the farmyard.



"Pappa was so upset with me, but I need the perfect gown! I cannot go to my birthday party without one," said Princess Perfect, looking sad.

"Oink," said the pig.



“But Pappa is right, people are toiling night and day to get me the perfect gown. I must make it up to them,” she said.



Princess Perfect went to see the cooks. "Do not bow to me, I was such a spoilt princess."
"We forgive you," said the cooks.



Then Princess Perfect went to see the maids.
"I have been so rude. Please join me for my
birthday party, I do not need a gown or a
crown or anything!"



"Thank you, Princess Perfect," said the maids.
"We just wish for you to be happy."



Princess Perfect woke up on her birthday to a big surprise. A gown was waiting for her. It was the same shade as a pink rose. It was perfect.



She ran downstairs and there was a fantastic birthday cake with cute flowers on top. Happy birthday, Princess Perfect!



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1. Why does Princess Perfect need the perfect gown?
2. How can you tell that Princess Perfect is being rude to her maids?
3. What type of dress did the maids bring back from the town?
 - (a) A brown and ripped dress
 - (b) A beautiful pink dress
 - (c) A dress that was too small for Princess Perfect
4. What did Princess Perfect find waiting for her on her birthday?
5. Do you think Princess Perfect was right to say sorry?
What would you have done if you were one of Princess Perfect's maids or cooks?

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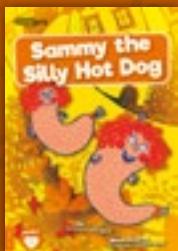
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