

Cinderella's Story

Narrator: Once upon a time, there was a **(mean or kind)** girl named Cinderella. All of the animals loved her, especially two mice named Gus and Jaq. They'd do anything for the girl they called "Cinderelly."

Cinderella lived with her stepmother and her two stepsisters, Anastasia and Drizella. They were very mean to Cinderella, making her work all day cleaning, sewing, and cooking. She tried her best to make them happy. Cinderella's stepmother, Lady Tremaine, was cold, cruel, and jealous of Cinderella's charm and beauty. She enjoyed giving Cinderella extra chores to do, such as bathing her cat, Lucifer.

One day, a messenger arrived with a **(common or special)** invitation. There was going to be a royal ball at the palace. The King wanted his son to find a bride. Every **(old or young)** woman in the kingdom was invited, including Cinderella.

Cinderella was very excited about the ball. In the attic, she found a dress that had belonged to her mother. It was a bit old-fashioned, but Cinderella could make it beautiful. Lady Tremaine didn't want Cinderella to go to the ball; she wanted the Prince to meet Anastasia and Drizella. Maybe he would marry one of them. Lady Tremaine kept Cinderella busy with chores that would take her all night to finish.

While Cinderella was working, the mice and birds fixed her dress. They added ribbons and beads that the two stepsisters had thrown away. Working together, the animals turned a simple dress into a **(ugly or fabulous)** gown. Cinderella was overjoyed when she saw the dress. Now she could go to the ball!

Cinderella: Oh, thank you so much!

Narrator: Cinderella said to Gus, Jaq, and the birds. But when the stepsisters saw their **(new or old)** ribbons and beads on Cinderella's dress, they flew into a rage. They ripped the dress and pulled off the beads. Lady Tremaine didn't stop them.

Cinderella's dream of going to the ball was through. Cinderella ran away to the garden to cry. Suddenly, her Fairy Godmother appeared. With a wave of her wand, she turned a pumpkin into an elegant coach. Cinderella could now go to the ball, but her dress was still ruined.

Fairy Godmother: Bibbidi-bobbidi-boo!

Narrator: Said the Fairy Godmother, waving her wand again. Cinderella was now wearing a **(ugly or beautiful)** gown and sparkling glass slippers. But all of this came with a warning: when the clock struck midnight, the magic spell would wear off.

At the ball, Prince Charming couldn't take his eyes off her. The orchestra played and the Prince began to dance with the **(wonderful or terrible)** girl whose name he still didn't know. For Cinderella, the night was a dream come true. Before too long, the clock began to strike midnight.

Cinderella: Goodbye!

Narrator: Cinderella said, hurrying away.

Prince Charming: Come back! I don't even know your name!

Narrator: As Cinderella fled, one of her glass slippers came off. The Prince sent the Grand Duke to find the girl who fit the glass slipper. Lady Tremaine locked Cinderella in the attic, but Cinderella's mouse friends freed her. Then, Lady Tremaine tripped the Grand Duke and the glass slipper shattered. But Cinderella had the other in her pocket—and it fit!

Cinderella and the Prince were soon married. Everyone rejoiced, including Cinderella's mouse friends, who wore special outfits to the wedding. Filled with joy, Prince Charming and Cinderella lived happily ever after. The end.

Part 1: Vocabulary Matching Match the word with the correct definition.

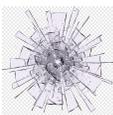
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| A. Kind | B. Mean | C. Chores | D. Invitation |
| E. Gown | F. Fairy | G. shattered | H. rejoice |

1. _____ A woman who can do magic.
2. _____ A very fancy dress for a party.
3. _____ To be happy and celebrate.
4. _____ Not nice; cruel to others.
5. _____ Small jobs you do at home (cleaning, cooking).
6. _____ A paper that asks you to come to a party.
7. _____ Broken into many small pieces.
8. _____ Friendly and good to other people.

Part 2: Cloze Exercise (Fill in the Blanks) Use the words to complete the story summary.

Ball | Mice | Midnight | Slipper | Stepmother

Cinderella lived with her mean **(1)** _____. She had two friends who were **(2)** _____. One day, she wanted to go to the Royal **(3)** _____ to dance with the Prince. Her Fairy Godmother warned her that the magic would end at **(4)** _____. When she ran away, she lost her glass **(5)** _____.

Part 3: Multiple Choice Comprehension

Circle the correct answer.

1. Who were Cinderella's best friends?

- a) Her stepsisters b) The King c) Gus and Jaq (the mice)

2. Why was Lady Tremaine mean to Cinderella?

- a) Cinderella was lazy. b) She was jealous of Cinderella's beauty. c) Cinderella lost the cat.

3. What happened to the dress the mice made?

- a) Cinderella wore it to the ball. b) The stepsisters ripped it. c) It turned into a pumpkin.

4. What time did the magic spell end?

- a) 10:00 PM b) Midnight c) In the morning

5. How did the Prince find Cinderella?

- a) He saw her in the garden.
b) He used the glass slipper to find her.
c) The mice told him where she was.

Part 4: Short Answer Questions *Answer the questions using full sentences.*

1. What kind of work (chores) did Cinderella have to do at home?
2. What did the Fairy Godmother use to make a coach?
3. Where did Lady Tremaine hide Cinderella when the Grand Duke arrived?

Part 5: Opinion & Connection Questions

Think about the story and your own life. Write 2-3 sentences for each.

1. **Connection:** Cinderella had animals to help her. Do you have a pet or a friend who helps you when you are sad?
2. **Opinion:** Do you think it was fair for the stepsisters to rip Cinderella's dress? Why or why not?
3. **Creative:** If you had a Fairy Godmother, what is one thing you would ask her to change for you today?

