

Level 2-2

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

The Elves and the Shoemaker is a story about a poor shoemaker who got some help from two elves.

The shoemaker only had one piece of leather. He left the piece of leather on the table and went to bed.

The next morning, he woke up and found a new pair of shoes on the table where the leather had been.

A customer came into his shop and bought the shoes. The shoemaker used the money to buy more leather. He left the leather on the table and went to bed.

In the morning, there were two beautiful pairs of shoes on the table. Customers bought the beautiful shoes. The shoemaker bought more leather. Each day, there were new shoes on the table in the morning.

When Christmas came, the shoemaker and his wife stayed up all night and watched the shop. They saw two elves making the shoes. The elves had no clothes!

The shoemaker's wife made some clothes for the elves. She left them in the shop. When they found the clothes, the elves put them on and laughed. They were so happy.

The elves left the shop and never came back. But the shoemaker and his wife did very well. They made enough money. They were very happy.

2. Section Summary

Pages 6-11: The shoemaker had no money. He only had one piece of leather. He left the leather on the table and went to bed. In the morning, he found a new pair of shoes. A man came to his shop and bought the shoes. The shoemaker bought more leather and left it on the table.

Pages 12-17: The next day, there were two pairs of beautiful shoes. Two more customers came and bought them. This went on and on. The shoemaker made a lot of money. But he still did not know who was making the shoes.

Pages 18-22: The shoemaker and his wife stayed up to all night to watch the shop. They saw two naked elves. They were making the shoes! The shoemaker's wife made some clothes for the elves. The elves were happy. They left the shop and never came back. The shoemaker continued to do well. He and his wife were very happy.

B. Background and Themes

Helping Others: When we see people in need, we should do what we can to help them. Some people find it hard to ask for help when they really need it. Instead of waiting for them to ask for help, we should be quick to help them in whatever way we can. The elves knew that the shoemaker needed help, so they helped him. They did not wait for him to ask for help. The shoemaker's wife saw that the elves needed clothes, so she made them some. She did not wait for the elves to ask her to make them some clothes.

Kindness: Be kind to one another. When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for that person in return. The elves made shoes for the shoemaker, so the shoemaker's wife made clothes for them.

Anonymity: When you do something nice for someone, do you want them to know that it was you who did the good deed? Or would you rather it stay a secret, so the person does not know who did the nice thing for them? The elves did not tell the shoemaker that they were the ones making the shoes. They worked quietly at night. The shoemaker and his wife had to stay up all night in order to find out that it was the elves that were making the shoes.

Giving vs. Receiving: Is it better to give or to receive? It is fun to receive gifts, but it feels great to give to others. The shoemaker was happy to receive the shoes from the elves, but he and his wife probably found greater pleasure in giving the clothes to the elves. They saw how happy the elves were to receive clothes. It makes us feel good to see how our gifts bring joy to other people.

Relationship between People and Elves: In most stories that have elves in them, the elves are usually very helpful. They like helping people. They work hard, and they do not complain about it. They try not to be seen by people. The elves in this story help the shoemaker, but they work at night so no one will see them.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

Introduction

1. They were brothers.
2. They were from Germany.
3. They can find it in a book called *Grimm's Fairy Tales*.

Characters

1. Shoemaker a good man
poor
needed help
2. Elves left shop
did not have clothes
wonderful

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a man who makes shoes.
2. I know the story called The Story of Santa Claus.
3. He might not be able to sell his shoes.

B. Review Questions

1. He had one piece of leather left.
2. They got big because he found a pair of shoes on his table.
3. They were sold to a customer.

► Middle: Pages 12-17

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about people buying the shoemaker's shoes.
2. A good surprise would be to clean the house.
3. My favorite shoes are my blue sneakers.

B. Review Questions

1. Customers came to his shop.
2. He used it to buy more leather.
3. He cut the leather and left it on the table.

► End: Pages 18-22

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about the shoemaker finding out who was making the shoes for him.
2. I would set up a video camera in the room.
3. I think this is because they have no money to buy clothes.

B. Review Questions

1. He stayed up all night because he wanted to find out who was making the shoes.
2. She did it because she wanted to give them something in return for their help.
3. They laughed, danced, and sang.

Mini Quiz

a. One good turn deserves another.

→ If someone does something nice for you, you should do something nice for that person in return.

b. The apple never falls far from the tree.

→ Children resemble their parents.

c. Out of sight, out of mind.

→ If something is not right in front of us, we tend to forget about it.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: She wants these glasses.

B: He wants the other pair.

5. A: I want those skis.

B: She wants the other pair.

► Challenge

1. The shoemaker had one piece of leather left.
2. The customer carried a new pair of shoes.
3. The shoemaker and his wife stayed up all night.
4. The elves found the clothes and put them on.

Part B. Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

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| 1. <u>laugh</u> | 2. <u>finish</u> |
| 3. <u>money</u> | 4. <u>pair</u> |
| 5. <u>begin</u> | 6. <u>tomorrow</u> |
| 7. <u>Christmas</u> | 8. <u>happy</u> |
| 9. <u>clothes</u> | 10. <u>wonderful</u> |

B.

Across

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| 2. dance | 4. night | 6. shoemaker | 7. morning | 9. leather |
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Down

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|----------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. watch | 3. wife | 5. beautiful | 8. sell | 10. after |
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Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A.

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d

C.

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. d 5. b

► Middle: Pages 12-17

A.

1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. T

B.

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. b

C.

1. c 2. d 3. d 4. c 5. a

► End: Pages 18-22

A.

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. F

B.

1. Elves
2. Shoemaker's Wife
3. Shoemaker
4. Elves

C.

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a 5. d

Think and Write

1. pair 2. night 3. new 4. shop 5. leather
6. customers 7. shoemaker 8. watched 9. elves 10. wife

Vocabulary Review

1. The shoemaker was a good man.
2. I will make these shoes tomorrow.
3. The pieces of cut leather were gone.
4. The customer bought the shoes.
5. Two customers came into the shop.
6. The shoemaker made a lot of money.
7. Then Christmas came.
8. The shoemaker stayed up all night.
9. The elves had no clothes!
10. The elves liked their new clothes.

Summary

A.

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4	2

B.

1. The shoemaker had one piece of leather left.
2. The leather was gone, but a beautiful pair of shoes was there.
3. The shoemaker made a lot of money.
4. The elves danced and sang.

Book Report

Story c → a → b → e → d