

Level 3-9
Diamonds and Toads

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

Diamonds and Toads is a story about a proud and cruel woman with two daughters. One daughter is kind, and the other is rude.

The younger daughter is kind and polite. She works very hard. The older daughter is rude and unkind. She acts just like her mother.

Every day, the younger daughter goes to the river to get water. One day, an old lady asks the girl for a drink. The girl washes the lady's jug and fills it with clean water.

The old lady is a fairy. She gives the girl a gift. When she talks, good things will fall from her mouth.

The girl gets home late. Her mother is angry. The girl opens her mouth to talk, and the mother is surprised. Flowers and jewels fall from the girl's mouth as she speaks.

The mother tells the older daughter to go to the river. She wants the older daughter to get a gift from the fairy, too. The older daughter goes to the river. This time, the fairy pretends to be a beautiful lady instead of an old woman. The older daughter is rude to her. She tells her to get her own water.

The fairy gives her a gift. When she talks, bad things will fall from her mouth.

Toads and snakes fall out of the older daughter's mouth when she speaks! When the mother sees what happens, she blames the younger daughter.

The younger daughter runs away. A prince finds her. He takes her to his father's castle, and they get married.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-13:** The younger daughter is very kind. One day, a fairy, dressed as an old lady, asks for a drink. The girl washes the jug and fills it with clean water. The fairy rewards her with a good gift. Flowers and jewels will fall out of her mouth when she speaks. Her cruel mother is surprised when she sees the gift.

► **Pages 14-19:** The mother sends her older daughter to the river. She tells her to be nice to the old lady. But this time, the fairy appears as a beautiful lady. The older daughter is rude to her. The fairy gives her a bad gift. Toads and snakes will fall out of her mouth when she speaks.

► **Pages 20-24:** When she sees what happens to her older daughter, the mother is angry. She blames the younger daughter. The younger daughter hides in the woods. A prince finds her. He falls in love with her. He takes her to his castle, and they marry.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Kindness:** People who are kind are liked by many people. They spread love, and they make others feel special. People who are unkind are not popular. They spread bad feelings, and they make others feel sad or upset. We should be kind to everyone, no matter what they look like or what they can do for us. The younger daughter is kind and polite to everyone. She does not expect a gift in return for her kindness. The older daughter is rude. She was only going to be nice to the old lady because she wanted the same gift as her sister.

★ **The Power of Words:** The words that we use can be as wonderful as flowers and jewels or as bad as snakes and toads. What comes out of our mouths is a reflection of our character and our hearts. The younger daughter is kind. She is good-hearted. So, good things come out of her mouth. The older daughter is rude and unkind. So, bad things come out of her mouth.

★ **Learning from Our Parents:** We learn a lot from our parents just by watching how they act and by listening to what they say. We learn how to treat others. We learn how to speak. We learn to have good manners and good habits. We learn how to work hard. Parents are usually good examples for their children. But the mother in this story does not set a good example for her children. She is cruel and unkind. The older daughter learns from her

mother how to be rude and unkind to others. The younger daughter chooses to be kind and polite, even though her mother is not.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It comes from France.
2. It is The Fairies.
3. He also wrote Little Red Riding Hood.

► Characters

1. Mother	2. Younger Daughter
<u>cruel and unkind</u>	<u>kind</u>
<u>likes the older daughter</u>	<u>beautiful</u>

3. Older Daughter	4. Fairy
<u>rude</u>	<u>changes what she looks like</u>
<u>like her mother</u>	<u>gives gifts</u>

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-13

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a girl who helps an old lady.
2. Another story is Cinderella.
3. Another story is Sleeping Beauty.

B. Review Questions

1. An old lady asks her for some water.
2. When the girl talks, a flower or jewel falls out of her mouth.
3. She is angry because the girl comes home late.

► Middle: Pages 14-19

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about what happens to the older sister.
2. I would get them a glass of tap water.
3. I would help anyone as long as they don't look dangerous.

B. Review Questions

1. She tells her that because she wants her to get a gift like her younger sister's.
2. She sees a lady who looks like a princess.
3. She is rude to the lady.

► End: Pages 20-24

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about how a prince meets the younger daughter.
2. Another story is Cinderella.
3. I usually go to my room.

B. Review Questions

1. A toad comes out of her mouth.
2. She blames the younger daughter.
3. She goes into the woods to hide.

Mini-Quiz!

a. Out of sight, out of mind.

→ When you cannot see something, it is easier to forget about it.

b. You reap what you sow.

→ If you do bad things, bad things will happen to you. You have to accept the consequences of your actions.

c. Practice makes perfect.

→ If you do something over and over, you will get better and better at it.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. B: They want to watch a movie.
5. A: He wants to ride a bike.

► Challenge

1. The girl washes the old lady's jug and gives her a drink.
2. Roses fall out of the girl's mouth as she talks.
3. The older daughter is rude to the beautiful lady.
4. A prince finds the beautiful girl in the woods.

Part B. Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

- 1. f 2. h
- 3. e 4. b
- 5. a 6. i
- 7. c 8. d
- 9. j 10. g

B.

Across

- 2. fill 4. rose 6. nobody 7. toward 10. return

Down

- 1. diamond 3. polite 5. voice 8. wash 9. jug

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Pages 6-13

A.

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

B.

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

C.

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

► Middle: Pages 14-19

A.

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

B.

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

C.

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

► End: Pages 20-24

A.

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

B.

1. Mother
2. Prince
3. Older Daughter
4. Younger Daughter

C.

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

Think and Write

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| 1. kind | 2. gift | 3. younger | 4. jewels | 5. rude |
| 6. fairy | 7. older | 8. toad | 9. woods | 10. prince |

Vocabulary Review

1. The mother is cruel.
2. The older daughter acts like her mother.
3. The older daughter is rude.
4. The fairy tests the girls.
5. She washes the old lady's jug.
6. The fairy gives her a gift.
7. A diamond falls from her mouth.
8. A toad hops out of her mouth.
9. She hides in the woods.
10. The prince hunts in the woods.

Summary

A.

b → f → e → a → d → c

B.

1. The older daughter is rude to the fairy.
2. A toad hops out of the older daughter's mouth.
3. The younger daughter meets a prince in the woods.

Book Report

Story b → a → e → d → c