

Level 4-6
Fairy Gifts

Workbook

Teacher's Guide & Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

The Flower Fairy lived in a beautiful castle with a beautiful garden. Princes and princesses would come and stay at her castle for a while. Then they had to go back to their world. Before they left, the Flower Fairy gave them a gift. It was almost time for one of these princesses to leave. Her name was Sylvia. Before she left, the Flower Fairy wanted her to go out and see how the princesses who had left were doing. Sylvia visited these princesses and stayed with them one by one. Then she returned to report to the Flower Fairy. Iris got the gift of beauty, but Sylvia found that her beauty was all she thought about. Daphne got the gift of speech, but all she did was talk and talk. Cynthia got the gift of pleasing others, but she never really gave anyone her heart. And Pearl got the gift of wit, but she could never be serious even when she should. Sylvia decided that she did not want any of these gifts when she left. The gift that she asked for was a quiet spirit, and that gave her happiness.

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

The Flower Fairy lived in a beautiful castle with a lovely garden. She was beautiful, kind, and charming. Many young princes and princesses came to live at the castle. However, they could not stay there forever. When they grew older, they were sent home. Before leaving, though, the Flower Fairy gave each of them a gift.

► Chapter 2

Sylvia was a princess staying at the castle. She was sweet and gentle, and the Flower Fairy loved her very much. It was almost time for Sylvia to return to her own land. But, first, the Flower Fairy wanted to know how the princesses that had left were doing. She sent Sylvia on a butterfly cart to stay with one of them, Iris, for two months.

► Chapter 3

When Sylvia returned, the Flower Fairy asked her how Iris was doing. Sylvia said that things were not going well for Iris. The Flower Fairy had given Iris beauty, and it was the only thing that Iris cared about. While Sylvia was there, Iris became sick and lost her beauty. She begged Sylvia to ask the Flower Fairy for help. Sadly, the Flower Fairy said her gifts could only be given once.

► Chapter 4

Some time passed, and the Flower Fairy asked Sylvia to visit another princess, Daphne. Sylvia stayed with Daphne for only one month and returned to the Flower Fairy's castle early. The Flower Fairy asked how Daphne was doing. Sylvia said that Daphne, who had the gift of speech, did nothing but talk all the time. Sylvia said she was happy to get away.

► Chapter 5

After some time, the Flower Fairy asked Sylvia to go and visit the princess Cynthia. This time Sylvia stayed a full two months. When she returned, she told the Flower Fairy that at first she thought Cynthia was the happiest princess in the world. But later she saw that Cynthia was not really happy. With the gift of pleasing others, she pleased many people, but she never truly gave them her heart.

► Chapter 6

Sylvia thought about the gifts that the princesses had, and she thought about what she would ask of the Flower Fairy. Then the Flower Fairy sent her to see Pearl. When she returned, she told the Flower Fairy that Pearl's gift was much like the others and seemed wonderful at first. Pearl had the gift of wit, and she made people feel merry. Sylvia said it was not always good to be merry; sometimes people needed to be serious. Sylvia had seen many gifts, but she did not want any of those. Now, it was time for her to choose a gift she wanted.

► Chapter 7

Sylvia thought about it while she and the Flower Fairy had a walk. Then she asked the Flower Fairy for the gift of a quiet spirit. And that was what she got. With this gift, life was always happy for Sylvia and those around her.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Graciousness:** The Flower Fairy opened her home to everyone.

★ **Generosity:** The Flower Fairy gave gifts to every departing guest.

★ **Vanity:** Most of the princesses asked for gifts that made them look better to others.

★ **Wisdom:** Sylvia chose a gift that would make her a better person inside.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It was a fairy tale.
2. Comte de Caylus wrote it.
3. He wrote it for his friends.

► Characters

1. Flower Fairy: lovely, magical, wise, gentle
2. Sylvia: charming, good, young, kind

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. They are in a garden.
2. I think they are happy.
3. I think a queen lives there.

B. Review Questions

1. She lived in a beautiful castle.
2. Princes and princesses came to live there.
3. They were sent away.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. She is the Flower Fairy.
2. She is a princess.
3. I think they are talking about the princess going away.

B. Review Questions

1. She was a princess.
2. She wanted to know how they were doing.
3. She went in the Flower Fairy's butterfly cart.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. They are in a garden.
2. I can hear birds.
3. I can smell roses.

B. Review Questions

1. She was not well.
2. She got the gift of beauty.
3. It was gone.

► **Chapter 4**

A. Preview Questions

1. She got the gift of speech.
2. I think she doesn't like it.
3. I think she finds that the princess talks too much.

B. Review Questions

1. She had the gift of speech.
2. She stayed one month.
3. Daphne talked too much, and Sylvia couldn't stand it.

► **Chapter 5**

A. Preview Questions

1. She is going to visit another princess.
2. She got the gift of pleasing others.
3. Pegasus flies through the air like this.

B. Review Questions

1. She stayed two months.
2. She had the gift of pleasing others.
3. She did not give them her heart.

► **Chapter 6**

A. Preview Questions

1. I think she is telling stories.
2. They seem to be enjoying listening to the woman's stories.
3. She is bored.

B. Review Questions

1. She got the gift of wit.
2. She thought it was wonderful.
3. She thought it was not always good to be merry.

► Chapter 7

A. Preview Questions

1. I think it is Sylvia.
2. I think she is in her own home.
3. She looks happy.

B. Review Questions

1. She asked for the gift of a quiet spirit.
2. It was always happy.
3. Her face would be pale.

Mini Quiz

- a. Be careful what you ask for because you might get it.
→ The things we wish for might not do us any good at all if we get them.
- b. A picture paints a thousand words.
→ It is easier to show what something looks like than to describe it.
- c. A woman's place is in the home.
→ Women do not belong in the working world of men.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: Do you enjoy taking part in contests?
B: No, I don't. It's too stressful.
5. A: Many people enjoy doing nothing.
B: Not me. It would be so boring.

► Challenge

1. She lived in a beautiful castle.
2. She didn't stop talking.
3. She rode the Flower Fairy's butterfly cart.
4. She asked for a quiet spirit.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

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

B.

1. for one month
2. seemed to pass
3. the butterfly cart
4. had to return
5. the castle forever
6. begged her to ask
7. take a message

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–2

A.

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

B.

1. She is the Flower Fairy.
2. She is kind.
3. She lives in a castle.
4. She gives gifts.

C.

1. c 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. c

► Middle: Chapters 3–5

A.

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

B.

1. Daphne
2. The Flower Fairy
3. Iris
4. Sylvia

C.

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. b

► End: Chapters 6–7

A.

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

B.

a → c → d → b

C.

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. d 6. b

Think and Write

Main Idea: gifts given to princesses

Detail 1: gift of beauty

Result 1: loved only beauty

Detail 2: gift of speech

Result 2: talked too much

Detail 3: gift of pleasing others

Result 3: didn't give her heart

Detail 4: gift of wit

Result 4: could never be serious

Vocabulary Review

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| 1. forever | 2. heart | 3. jokes | 4. hugged | 5. rest |
| 6. gift | 7. months | 8. once | 9. guests | 10. return |

Summary

A.

c → a → d → f → e → b

B.

1. The Flower Fairy gave gifts to her guests.
2. Daphne talked too much.
3. Pearl could never be serious.

Book Report

Story 1. gifts 2. princess 3. months 4. speech 5. jokes