

Level 4-7
The Enchanted Castle

Workbook

Teacher's Guide & Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

One holiday, Jerry and Jimmy, together with their sister, Cathy, found a cave in the forest that took them to another forest. There, they came upon a castle and a girl who seemed to be an enchanted princess. That was what she pretended to be, but she was really just a girl named Mabel. However, Mabel did know about a treasure room in the castle. There was a ring in the room that made people disappear, and the children had a lot of fun doing magic tricks with it. The ring could also turn into a wishing ring, and the one wearing it could have a wish come true for a short time. One day, the children visited the castle with the school nanny. They met the castle owner, and it turned out that he and the nanny had been in love long ago. But they couldn't get married then because he was poor. He was still poor, but then the children showed him the treasure room. Now he and the nanny could get married. The nanny put the wishing ring on and wished that it would become just a plain wedding ring. It did, and they got married and lived happily together. The children came to visit them often.

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

Jerry, Jimmy, and Cathy were two brothers and a sister. Jerry was the oldest, and Jimmy was the youngest. The brothers went to a boy's school, and Cathy went to a girl's school. One holiday, they couldn't go home, so they stayed at Cathy's school. Jerry brought some flowers for the school nanny, and she let the children go into the forest.

► Chapter 2

The children got lost in the forest and found a cave. In the cave was a long, dark passage that took them to another place with a forest and a castle. There was a maze in the castle's beautiful gardens. The children followed a string that led to the center of the maze. There they found a sleeping girl. Cathy thought it was an enchanted castle. She looked at the sleeping girl's clothes and said that she must be 100 years old. Jerry said she was an enchanted princess, and Jimmy kissed her to wake her up.

► Chapter 3

The princess woke up and took them to her treasure room, but there was nothing there. She had the children close their eyes, and she said some magic words. Suddenly, the room was

filled with treasure. Cathy found a plain ring that didn't look expensive. The princess said the ring could make people disappear. The children closed their eyes, and the princess disappeared. But it was a trick. The girl was really Mabel, the niece of the maid at the school. The room had special walls that went up and down when she pushed a button. And she disappeared by simply hiding from the others. However, she discovered that the ring really made her disappear. She couldn't take it off her finger so that she could reappear. In the end, she went back to the school with the children.

► Chapter 4

Since no one could see Mabel, the kids used her to perform magic tricks for an audience. Jerry put a scarf on his head and pretended to be from India. He did many tricks, but no one knew that it was Mabel who was helping him. At the end of the performance, Jerry disappeared. The ring had come off Mabel's finger, and she gave it to Jerry while she hid. Jerry went to the castle and played with Mabel until late before he went home.

► Chapter 5

The ring fell off Jerry while he slept, so the others could see him in the morning. They stayed home and played that day, and Mabel came over. They acted out a play for the nanny and the maid. In the play, Jerry gave the ring to Mabel. She put it on and made a wish, which changed the ring into a wishing ring. Her wish came true. The ring gave one wish to the person wearing it, but the wish was only true for a short time. Jimmy wished to be rich, and he became a rich old man. He and Jerry went to London. There, Jerry tricked Jimmy into giving him the ring, and he wished them back to the castle before the magic disappeared.

► Chapter 6

One day, the castle was open to the public. The children and the nanny went, and they met the owner of the castle. The nanny and the owner were surprised and happy to see each other. They had been in love years ago, but they couldn't get married because he didn't have enough money. He was still poor, and he didn't know about the treasure room until the children showed him. The treasures were sold, and the castle owner married the nanny. The nanny wished for the ring to be just a plain ring for her to wear at her wedding. And so it was. They had a happy life, and the children visited them often.

B. Background and Themes

- ★ **Fantasy:** The story is a typical fairy tale with lots of magical things happening.

- ★ **Honesty and deceit:** The children could not lie to the nanny about Jerry's disappearance. However, they deceived the nanny by answering her questions in devious ways.

- ★ **True love:** The castle owner and the nanny kept their love for each other despite having been separated for a long time.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It is a novel.
2. Edith Nesbit wrote it.
3. She also wrote *The Railway Children*.

► Characters

1. Jerry: smart, fun-loving
2. Cathy: nice, cute,
3. Jimmy: young, playful,
4. Mabel: tricky, mischievous
5. The Nanny: good, loving
6. The Owner: poor, simple

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. I think he wants to make her happy.
2. She will thank him and probably give him a hug.
3. A boy usually gives flowers to such a woman on Mother's Day.

B. Review Questions

1. They were two brothers and a sister.
2. The nanny and the maid were there.
3. Jerry gave flowers to the nanny.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. They are at a maze.
2. I think she is a princess.
3. I think they will follow the string through the maze.

B. Review Questions

1. They got lost.
2. They found an enchanted castle.
3. They met an enchanted princess.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. I think they are inside a room.
2. They are probably trying to guess something.
3. I think she will show them some magic.

B. Review Questions

1. She showed them her treasure room.
2. She was really a girl named Mabel.
3. It could make someone disappear.

► **Chapter 4**

A. Preview Questions

1. He is doing tricks.
2. I think he gets help from Mabel.
3. They are amazed by the tricks.

B. Review Questions

1. They still couldn't see her.
2. He pretended to be from India and did many tricks for an audience.
3. She gave it to Jerry.

► **Chapter 5**

A. Preview Questions

1. It is at the school.
2. The children are putting on a play.
3. They are the nanny and the maid from the school.

B. Review Questions

1. It became a wishing ring.
2. He wished to be rich.
3. He tricked Jimmy into giving it to him.

► **Chapter 6**

A. Preview Questions

1. It is in a church.
2. I think they are going to have a wedding.
3. I think she will put it on and make a wish.

B. Review Questions

1. He was poor.
2. They showed them the treasure room.
3. She wished that the ring would be a plain ring.

Mini Quiz

a. Better late than never.

→ To do something late is not good, but it is better than not doing it at all.

b. A penny saved is a penny earned.

→ Saving money is the same as earning money.

c. A fool and his money are soon parted.

→ Foolish people waste their money on unnecessary things.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. B: She asked if I wanted to go swimming.
5. A: The tourist asked if there was a hotel in the town.

► Challenge

1. The string led them to the center of the maze.
2. Special walls went up and down to hide the treasures.
3. He did many tricks for an audience.
4. The castle owner didn't have enough money to get married.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

Across

2. poor 4. magic 8. disappear 9. rich 10. Usually

Down

1. treasure 3. finger 5. audience 6. passage 7. enchanted

B.

1. how to do a trick
2. made a wish
3. is a special holiday
4. in the dark cave
5. Children need adults
6. We were afraid
7. to be a detective

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–2

A.

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

B.

1. He is Jerry.
2. He goes to a boy's school.
3. He is good at talking to adults.
4. He does not want to kiss a girl.

C.

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

► Middle: Chapters 3–4

A.

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

B.

1. Jerry
2. Jimmy
3. Mabel
4. Cathy

C.

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

► End: Chapters 5–6

A.

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

B.

d → a → c → b

C.

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

Think and Write

Main Idea: Cathy found a magic ring.

Event 1: It made people disappear.

Detail 1: Mabel disappeared.

Detail 2: Jerry did tricks.

Detail 3: Jerry disappeared.

Event 2: It turned into a wishing ring.

Detail 1: Jimmy turned into a rich man.

Detail 2: Jerry wished them home.

Detail 3: The nanny made a wish.

Extra: The castle owner was poor.

Vocabulary Review

1. headache

2. maid

3. afraid

4. round

5. plain

6. enchanted

7. lie

8. pretending

9. for example

10. enough

Summary

A.

b → d → a → f → e → c

B.

1. Jerry brought the nanny some beautiful flowers.

2. Mabel pretended to be a princess.

3. The nanny made the last wish with the ring.

Book Report

Story

1. cave

2. pretended

3. enchanted

4. disappear

5. owner