

A Princess Story

Ask a friend to help you fill in each of the blanks below without telling them the rest of the story. When you're done, read them the whole story with their suggestions in each of the blanks.

Once upon a time there was a princess named Princess
(common noun: _____). She was very
(adjective: _____) Her favourite thing to do was to
(verb: _____)
which she would do very (adverb: _____).

One day the princess was walking in her (place: _____)
when she came upon a (common noun: _____).
She picked it up, but did not realize that it belonged to a
(adjective: _____) (profession: _____).
It had a spell on it that sent her to (place: _____).

She stayed there for a long time. Every day she had to (verb: _____) which made her
feel (adjective: _____). Luckily, she was heard by a (adjective: _____)
(profession: _____) named (proper noun: _____) who came to her
rescue. He used a magic (common noun: _____) to defeat the villain and freed her.
"You're free now," he said. "You can (verb: _____)."
"Thank you," she sighed. "I knew someday my (profession: _____) would come."

One of the reasons your "Princess Story" might have been funny is because a stereotype narrows our idea of what that kind of person can be and do. It seems funny to say that a princess burps or is very strong because there are only a few ways to be a princess that seem "right."

What do you like about princesses and their stories? Are there things you don't like? Which princesses characters fit the "princess" stereotype? Which ones don't?

Now flip the page over and draw a princess character who would star in a story you would like to read. You can have the character fit the stereotype or not, or mix things that fit the stereotype and things that don't.

