



Modern English Classes

Beauty and the Beast





Once upon a time, there was a poor merchant. He was coming home after a long trip, and he was excited to see his beautiful daughters.

One night, when he was almost home, he saw an amazing castle. The gate was open, so he went inside.





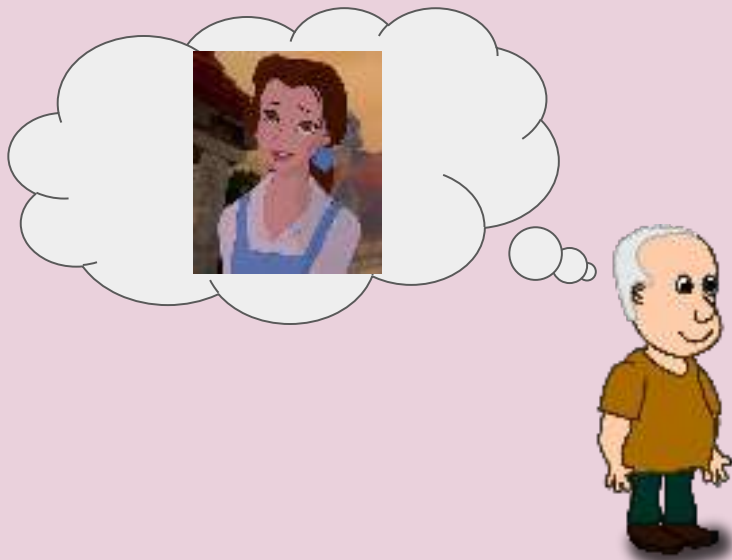
The castle was very quiet, and there were no people. But the merchant found a delicious dinner waiting for him and a comfortable bed to sleep in. The merchant slept very well.





In the morning, the castle was still very quiet.

The merchant was leaving when he saw a beautiful garden with many roses. He remembered that his daughter, Beauty, asked for a rose. He picked one red rose.





Suddenly, there was a roar! An ugly Beast yelled, "Why are you picking my roses? I will punish you!"

"I am so sorry, Dear Sir," the merchant said. "The rose is for one of my daughters."



PAUSE!



1. What did the merchant see?
2. What did he pick?
3. How did the Beast feel?



The Beast said, "OK, I will make you a deal. I will not punish you today, but you must bring me one of your daughters before next week."





"And you must not lie to your daughters when you tell them about me." The merchant was so sad. He walked home to his happy daughters and gave the rose to Beauty.





“Why are you so sad?” they asked. The merchant told them about the castle and the horrible Beast. Her sisters were afraid, but Beauty was brave. She said, “Father, I will go to the Beast’s castle.”



PAUSE!



1. What did the Beast want from the merchant?
2. How did the merchant feel?
3. How did Beauty feel?



Beauty and her father were both sad. But they walked back to the Beast's castle together.

It was an amazing castle, but it was also very, very quiet. The Beast seemed to be gone!





"Go home, Father," Beauty said. "Take care of my sisters. Maybe, the Beast is gone, and I can come home soon, too."

She gave her father a hug, and he walked sadly home.





For many days, Beauty seemed to be alone in the castle. She tried on the beautiful clothes and walked in the garden. She ate delicious food and explored the wonderful rooms. There were many magical things to see in the castle.





One day, Beauty was thinking about home. Suddenly, she turned around and saw The Beast. He was ugly, with sharp teeth and wild eyes. He was holding flowers for her.

Beauty was afraid, but she took the flowers and said hello. The Beast tried to smile.



PAUSE!



1. Was the castle quiet?
2. Were the clothes ugly?
3. What was the Beast holding?



Beauty was very afraid of the Beast. But she remembered her father, and she tried to be nice.

The Beast didn't talk much, so Beauty began to read stories to him.





Each night, she read a new story, and each night, the Beast smiled and thanked her. Slowly, Beauty wasn't afraid anymore. Actually, she began to like the Beast.

He was very nice to her. He tried to smile, and he gave her delicious food and beautiful gifts. Maybe, he wasn't so bad. She might enjoy living in the castle forever.



PAUSE!



1. Who did Beauty remember?
2. What did Beauty do each night?
3. The Beast tried to...



One day, Beauty found a magic mirror. She looked into it and saw her father. He was very sick, and Beauty began to worry.

She told the Beast what she saw in the mirror. The Beast looked sad, but he said, "You must go to your father. Help him...."





"... But promise me you will return in one month." Beauty was so happy, and she quickly promised to return.

Beauty was happy to see her father. She cared for him, and soon he felt better.





Beauty was so happy with her family she almost forgot her promise to the Beast. A month passed, and finally, Beauty decided to return to the castle.

Beauty found the Beast in the garden, but he was almost dead.





“Oh, my dear Beast! What is wrong?” she cried. “Please, don’t go. I love you!”

With those magic words, something began to happen. The Beast began to change!



PAUSE!



1. Who did Beauty see in the mirror?
2. How did the Beast feel?
3. Did Beauty love the Beast?



Suddenly, the Beast changed into a handsome Prince. “My Beauty, I love you, too!” he said.

Beauty was so happy, but she didn’t understand how the Beast changed.





“An evil witch put a spell on me,” the Beast told her. “The spell could only be broken by true love. Now, you have set me free. Please, live with me forever and be my queen.”



Beauty said yes, and they lived happily ever after!

The End



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