

# Advanced Fairy Tale and Fable Knowledge Challenge

Fairy Tales & Fables · Answer Key · 8 Questions

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**1. Which collection of fairy tales, first published in the 19th century, is most famously associated with the Brothers Grimm, and what was its original German title?**

- A) Hans Christian Andersen's 'Fairy Tales', published as 'Eventyr fortalte for Børn'
- B) Charles Perrault's 'Tales of Mother Goose', published as 'Histoires ou contes du temps passé'

**C) The Brothers Grimm's 'Children's and Household Tales', published as 'Kinder- und Hausmärchen'**

- D) Andrew Lang's 'The Blue Fairy Book', published in its original English title

**2. In Aesop's fable 'The Tortoise and the Hare', what is the primary moral lesson conveyed by the tortoise's persistent effort?**

- A) That speed is always more important than careful planning.
- B) That natural talent is sufficient for success without hard work.

**C) That slow and steady progress can overcome natural advantages.**

- D) That boasting about one's abilities guarantees victory.

**3. The fairy tale 'Cinderella' has many international variations. Which version, recorded by Charles Perrault, is credited with popularizing the use of a glass slipper?**

- A) The Italian version by Giambattista Basile, 'La Gatta Cenerentola'
- B) The German version by the Brothers Grimm, 'Aschenputtel'

**C) The French version by Charles Perrault, 'Cendrillon ou la Petite Pantoufle de verre'**

- D) The English version in 'The History of Cinderella'

**4. Many fables feature animals that embody human characteristics. In the fable 'The Ant and the Grasshopper', what societal role does the ant typically represent?**

- A) Leisure and carefree enjoyment
- B) Short-sightedness and impulsive behaviour

**C) Diligence, foresight, and preparation**

- D) Leadership and innovation

**5. Before the Brothers Grimm collected and published many German folk tales, a significant collection of French fairy tales was published by which courtier and writer in 1697?**

- A) Madame d'Aulnoy
- B) Jane Austen

**C) Charles Perrault**

- D) William Shakespeare

**6. The story of 'Hansel and Gretel' is a well-known Grimm fairy tale. What object do the children initially use to mark their path, which is later eaten by birds?**

- A) Pebbles
- B) Crumbs of bread**
- C) Twigs
- D) Leaves

**7. Which famous fable, often attributed to Aesop, tells the story of a dog who loses its bone by trying to grab a reflected one in the water?**

- A) The Lion and the Mouse
- B) The Fox and the Grapes
- C) The Dog and His Reflection**
- D) The Wolf and the Lamb

**8. The tale of 'The Little Mermaid' was written by which Danish author, and what is the significant difference in its ending compared to the popular Disney adaptation?**

- A) Hans Christian Andersen; the mermaid turns to sea foam and ceases to exist.**
- B) Brothers Grimm; the mermaid gains legs but loses her voice permanently.
- C) Charles Perrault; the mermaid becomes a queen and rules the ocean.
- D) J.K. Rowling; the mermaid becomes a witch and casts a spell.