

Advanced Fairy Tale and Fable Knowledge Challenge

Fairy Tales & Fables · Practice Test · 8 Questions

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.