

# CHAPTER 1

A rich **merchant** lived in France. He had six children. He had three sons and three daughters. The merchant was a clever man. He sent his children to school. He wanted his children to be clever too. He spent a lot of money on their education. The children had many different teachers. They learned everything they could.

The merchant's daughters were all beautiful. His youngest daughter was the most beautiful. Everybody thought, "That girl is very beautiful. She is the most beautiful girl I have ever seen."

Everybody called her, "The Little Beauty."

No one used her name. She grew up with the name, *Beauty*. It made her sisters very **jealous**. Beauty was beautiful and clever. She was a better person than her sisters. The two older sisters were very silly. They thought, "We are rich. We are important because we are rich."

They walked around the town. They **looked down on** other people. They went to visit other merchant's daughters. They didn't want to be friends with anyone else. They went out every day. The two older sisters went to parties. They went to plays. They went to concerts. They spent a lot of money. They only did things for themselves.

They laughed at Beauty. Beauty spent all her time reading books.

**merchant** (n) a person who buys and sells products

**jealous** (adj) feeling angry toward someone because they are more successful or has better qualities

**look down on** (phrasal verb) to think that you are better than someone



*Beauty spent all her time reading books.*

Many men wanted to marry the merchant's daughters. They wanted money and beautiful wives.

"The daughters will get a lot of money when the merchant dies. They are all beautiful. They will all be very rich," the men thought.

"We will not marry you," the older sisters said, "We want to marry a duke, or an earl or a prince."

"I am too young. I cannot get married now," Beauty said, "I need to stay at home with my father."

One day, the merchant lost all his money. He was not rich any more. He only had a country house left. It was a long way from the town.

"Children, I have bad news," the merchant said, "We are poor. We have to go and live in the country. We will all have to work for a living."

"No! We will not go! We will stay in the town," the older sisters said.

"Where will you stay?" the merchant asked.

"We will stay with our boyfriends. They will take care of us," the sisters said. They went to see their boyfriends.

"Go away. You are not rich any more. You are not our girlfriends now," the boyfriends said. The two sisters were very **upset**. The people in the town laughed at them.

**upset** (adj) not happy, sad

“They were too proud. They were not important. We will not feel sorry for them. They will have to work now. That will teach them,” the **townspeople** said.

No one wanted to marry the two sisters. No one wanted to be friends with them. People still liked Beauty.

“There are many men that will marry her but she won’t leave her father. She wants to help him. She will work hard. She is so kind and nice. She doesn’t care about money. She cares about her family,” the townspeople said.

Beauty did not care about money. She was upset because her father lost everything. She was worried about her family.

“I will not cry. Crying will not make things better,” Beauty thought, “I will work hard. I will make our family happy without money.”

The family went to the country. The three brothers worked hard. They learned about farming and horses. The merchant learned about farming and horses too. Beauty worked hard. She cleaned the house every day. She made all the meals for her family.

**townspeople** (n) the people who live in a town or a city

## CHAPTER 2

Beauty was not used to cleaning or cooking. She found it very difficult. She worked hard and got stronger. She did her work quicker. She had time to read when she finished her work. She played the piano. She used a spinning wheel. She sang songs. Beauty liked living in the country.

Her sisters hated the country. They didn't know what to do. They got up at ten o'clock. Everyone else was already working. They walked around the house all day.

"We are so unhappy! What are we going to do?" they cried. They did this every day. They did nothing to help Beauty. They did nothing to help their family.

"Look at our little sister. She is a stupid girl. She is happy with being poor. She is happy living here," the two sisters said to each other.

The merchant did not agree. He was very angry with the older sisters.

"Beauty is the best daughter. She works hard. She doesn't complain. Her sisters leave her all the housework and she does it. Her sisters **insult** her all the time. Beauty is a very good girl," the merchant thought.

**insult** (v) to do or say something that offends someone

They lived like this for a year. Then the merchant received a letter. It was about a ship. The ship carried some of the merchant's goods. The ship sold the goods. It came back safely. The merchant was very excited. The older sisters were very excited too. They thought, "We are rich again! We can go back to town! We can have boyfriends! We can go to plays! We can go to concerts! We can do whatever we like!"

The merchant got ready to go and meet the ship.

"Father! We want things!" the two sisters said, "We want new dresses! We want new rings! We want lots and lots of pretty things!" they cried.

"There will not be enough money to buy all of that," Beauty thought.

"What do you want me to buy for you, Beauty?" the merchant asked.

"Thank you for asking me. I would like one thing. I would like a rose. I want one because they are rare here," Beauty replied.

Beauty did not really want a rose.

"I have to ask for something. My sisters will be mean to me if I don't and this will make them look bad," Beauty thought.

## Test-2

### Who said this in the story?

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*Beauty, Beast, Merchant, Older Sisters*

1. “No! We will not go! We will stay in the town.”  
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2. “It will be nice to see my family.”  
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3. “I hope the master of the castle won’t mind. I just need to sit by the fire.”  
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4. “I saved your life. I let you sleep in my castle.”  
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5. “The beast gave me a chest full of gold. We are rich again.”  
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6. “You must go, father. I will be alright.”  
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7. “I will not lie to you. I think you have a good heart.”  
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8. “I like talking to him.”  
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9. “Why does she get to be happy?”  
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10. “You forgot your promise.”  
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# GRAMMAR CHECK

## Test-1

**Choose a suitable preposition to complete the sentences.  
You can use some of them more than once.**

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**by    on    of    about    under    in    from    at**

1. He was ..... arrest for stealing money from the old man.
2. The merchant forgot ..... the chest of gold.
3. She looked ..... the magic mirror every day. She saw her father there.
4. The sisters were very jealous ..... Beauty's nice clothes.
5. The oldest sister married a gentleman. He was very handsome. He was ..... love with himself.
6. Beauty put ..... one of the beautiful dresses.
7. The merchant was cold from the snow. He went over and sat ..... the fire.
8. The beast was lying ..... the grass. He was dying.
9. The beast gave the merchant a chest full ..... gold.
10. She freed him ..... his curse.

# VOCABULARY CHECK

## Test-1

Match the words with the pictures.

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wand  
fence

chest  
fireplace

statue  
diamond



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