

Fairy tales mix and match colour words practice

Instructions for teachers

*There are three versions of this activity. The first one is given on one page to save paper and photocopying. The second is on cards to make it more flexible and to make matching up a more physical activity. However, the mix or match activity is usually best if done as a whole book, with each page cut into flaps which are turned separately to make good and bad matches. This makes it similar to the many mix and match books in which the reader makes people, monsters, etc with odd matches of head, body and legs, or something like the classic book *Do You Like Ketchup on Your Cornflakes?* In this case there is also an actual story with a beginning, middle and end. To make a whole story, the top flaps of each page should be used in the order they are in (“Once upon a time, in a land far away that is famous for its...”, then “there was a prince with a...”, etc). However, the other flaps can be used in any order and any combination, depending on whether the readers want to make a sensible story or a silly story. Each flap has at least one sensible match and at least one silly match.*

To make a book, you need to staple the pages together on one side, then cut along the dotted lines.

After reading, children could draw suitable pictures on their own copy of the book. To save time, it’s best if the colours are just a small bubble on each page (rather than colouring in the whole flap). The colour “white” can be done with just a bubble with nothing in it, or they can colour round a white bubble in black to emphasize the lack of colour. If you want to save time and photocopying, another option is for each kid to draw one picture of their favourite combination, instead of drawing pictures for every page.

They could also make their own versions of this mix and match activity, perhaps keeping the same starters but changing the colours and/ or objects, or just adding other options to the one-page version. The activity should also work with science fiction stories.

They could also write out their favourite matches and then perhaps draw pictures for them, maybe in a normal book format (without cut flaps to turn).

Colour words fairy tales
Single page version

Read the phrases in the left-hand column in the order given, adding any words from the other two columns that you like each time.

<p>Once upon a time, in a land far away that was famous for its</p> <p>there was a prince with a</p> <p>and a</p> <p>who went out one day to find the famous princess with a</p> <p>However, on the way the prince met a</p> <p>who lived in a</p> <p>The prince won a quick and bloody fight using his</p> <p>The prince found a</p> <p>and used that to get over the</p> <p>On the other side he found what he was looking for in a</p> <p>So they went back to the prince's</p> <p>And they all lived happily together in a beautiful</p>	<p>black</p> <p>brown</p> <p>colourless</p> <p>dark blue</p> <p>gold</p> <p>green</p> <p>grey</p> <p>pink</p> <p>purple</p> <p>red</p> <p>ruby red</p> <p>silver</p>	<p>castle</p> <p>cave</p> <p>city</p> <p>dress</p> <p>horse</p> <p>monster</p> <p>river</p> <p>room</p> <p>rope</p> <p>shield</p> <p>sky</p> <p>sword</p>
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Cards version

Take turns putting colour and object cards together with the numbered starters to make a (silly or not) story.

1. Once upon a time, in a land far away that was famous for its			
2. there was a prince with a			
3. and a			
4. who went out one day to find the famous princess with a			
5. However, on the way the prince met a			
6. who lived in a			
7. The prince won a quick and bloody fight using his			
8. The prince found a			
9. and used that to get over the			
10. On the other side he found what he was looking for in a			
11. So they went back to the prince's			
12. And they all lived happily together in a beautiful			
black	blue	brown	colourless
dark blue	dark green	gold	green
grey	light blue	light green	multi-coloured...
pink	purple	red	ruby red
silver	yellow	... and...	..., ... and ...



armour	book of spells	broomstick
castle	cave	city
cottage	crown	dragon
dress	fairy	flying carpet
guard	horse	king
ladder	lake	magic...
monster	ogre	palace
pond	princess	queen
ring	river	room
rope	secret...	shield
sky	soldier	spear
staircase	stream	sword
throne	tower	village
wand	witch	wizard

Book version

Turn the flaps to add colours and objects to each step of the story, including silly matches if you like.

Once upon a time, in a land
far away that was famous for
its

black

castle

there was a prince with a

brown

cave

and a

colourless

city

who went out one day to find
the famous princess
with a

dark blue

dress

However, on the way the
prince met a

gold

horse

who lived in a

green

monster

The prince won a quick and
bloody fight using his

grey

river

The prince found a

pink

room

and used that to get over the

purple

rope

On the other side he found
what he was looking for in a

red

shield

So they went back to the
prince's

ruby red

sky

And they all lived happily
together in a beautiful

silver

sword