

The Tin Soldier • Worksheet

1. Match the sentences to the pictures.



- A. "Where's he gone?" wondered Tom.
- B. He spent all day playing.
- C. He had fallen behind a pile of toy building blocks.
- D. "Just what I wanted," Tom cried.

2. Match the words in line A with the words they describe in line B.

- A. paper tin fairytale jealous perfect black huge
- B. rat jack-in-the-box wife soldier fish ballerina palace

3. Match the two halves of each sentence.

- A. The paper boat shot... ...in a dirty, smelly sewer.
- B. It landed, splosh,.. ...up ahead.
- C. Just then he noticed daylight... ...in one gulp.
- D. The fish swallowed the tin soldier... ...down the drain.

4. Put a circle around the correct words in the sentences below, then number them in story order.

- A. Tom's Grandpa (buy/buyed/bit/bought) the fish.
- B. He (take/token/took/taken) it to sell at the market.
- C. A man (catch/caught/catched/caught) the fish.
- D. He (carry/cared/carried/curried) it home for supper.

5. TRUE or FALSE?

- A. The jack-in-the-box was glad to see the tin soldier. TRUE/FALSE
- B. The soldier married the lovely ballerina. TRUE/FALSE
- C. Tom was invited to the toys' noisy party. TRUE/FALSE

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Writing activity: Imagine you are the tin soldier, telling the ballerina all about your adventure. Let her know how brave you were and what terrible dangers you faced. (Remember, you want to impress her – you might like to exaggerate a little at times.)



"It was the morning after I met you. The boy Tom found me on the floor, and he put me down on the window ledge, next to that evil old jack-in-a-box...

