

Lilly and Her Sisters

IMPORTANT WORDS

crude
emeralds
glistened
gorgeous
hesitated
homely
pearls
pierced
stable
stallions

REVIEW WORDS

banquet
bossy
crystal
elderly
manners
responsibility
royal
rubies
treasure





PREVIEW

1. Do you like fairy tales? If so, why do you like them?
2. Who are some characters in fairy tales?
3. How do fairy tales usually end?
4. Do you think fairy tales can come true?
5. Have you ever finished a task that seemed impossible to do? If so, what was it?

This story is a fairy tale about the lovely princess Lilly and her two ill-tempered sisters, Bertha and Gertrude. Each of the three sisters must complete a task to help her family. Read the story to find out how the sisters carry out their responsibilities.

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Once upon a time, beyond the west rainbow, over the south clouds, and under the northern lights, there was a gorgeous castle. It had walls of gold that were covered with diamonds, emeralds, and pearls. The crystal towers of the castle reached into the sky and glistened in the sun.

A kind, gentle king and a lovely, intelligent queen lived in the castle with their three daughters: Bertha, Gertrude, and Lilly. The two older daughters, Bertha and Gertrude, were homely and dull and were always frowning. Neither one of them ever had a nice word to say about anyone, especially their younger sister, Lilly.

Lilly, the youngest daughter, was the most beautiful person in the castle. She sang with the birds, talked to the trees, and smiled at the butterflies. Lilly always saw the bright side of life. She was kind and loving to her older sisters.

Gertrude was often mean to Lilly because Lilly was so happy and fun-loving. "What are you doing, Lilly?" Gertrude would ask impatiently. "You waste so much time dancing outdoors.