

The Emperor's New Clothes

Adapted after Hans Christian Andersen

The day begins like any other day. The Emperor gets out of bed, shouting: "I have nothing to wear!"

The Emperor loves nothing better than wearing fancy new clothes. He changes his clothes ten times a day. His closet is his home.



Many emperors spend their days hunting, going to the theatre or talking to their ministers. But not this one! He is too busy walking through the city and showing off his newest clothes.

- The Emperor always wants to have something new
A) to build **B) to wear** **C) to drive** **D) to make**
- What does the Emperor like?
A) Waking up in the morning. **B) Wearing the same clothes every day.**
C) Talking to his advisers. **D) Showing off his new clothes.**
- Where does the Emperor spend most of his time?
A) In his bedroom. **B) In his closet.**
C) In the council room. **D) In his garden.**
- The Emperor has got.....of fancy clothes.
A) lots **B) a few** **C) many** **D) some**
- Look at the picture and find the odd one out!
A) windows **B) picture** **C) curtains** **D) mirror**

One day two strangers arrive in the city. They know about the Emperor's love for clothes. They decide to trick him, so they make some money.



The tailors tell the Emperor that their clothes are not cheap, but he doesn't care.

6. Two strangers arrive in the city. One is short and fat, the other is
A) tall and fat B) short and bald C) tall and slim D) tall and bald
7. What does *to trick* mean?
A) to fool B) to design C) to make D) to sell
8. Who are the strangers in fact?
A) They are cooks. B) They are dishonest tailors.
C) They are ministers. D) They are honest tailors.
9. The strangers say that the clothes they make are invisible to
A) stupid people B) happy people C) lazy people D) clever people
10. The magic clothes
A) cost little money B) are expensive C) cost nothing D) are cheap

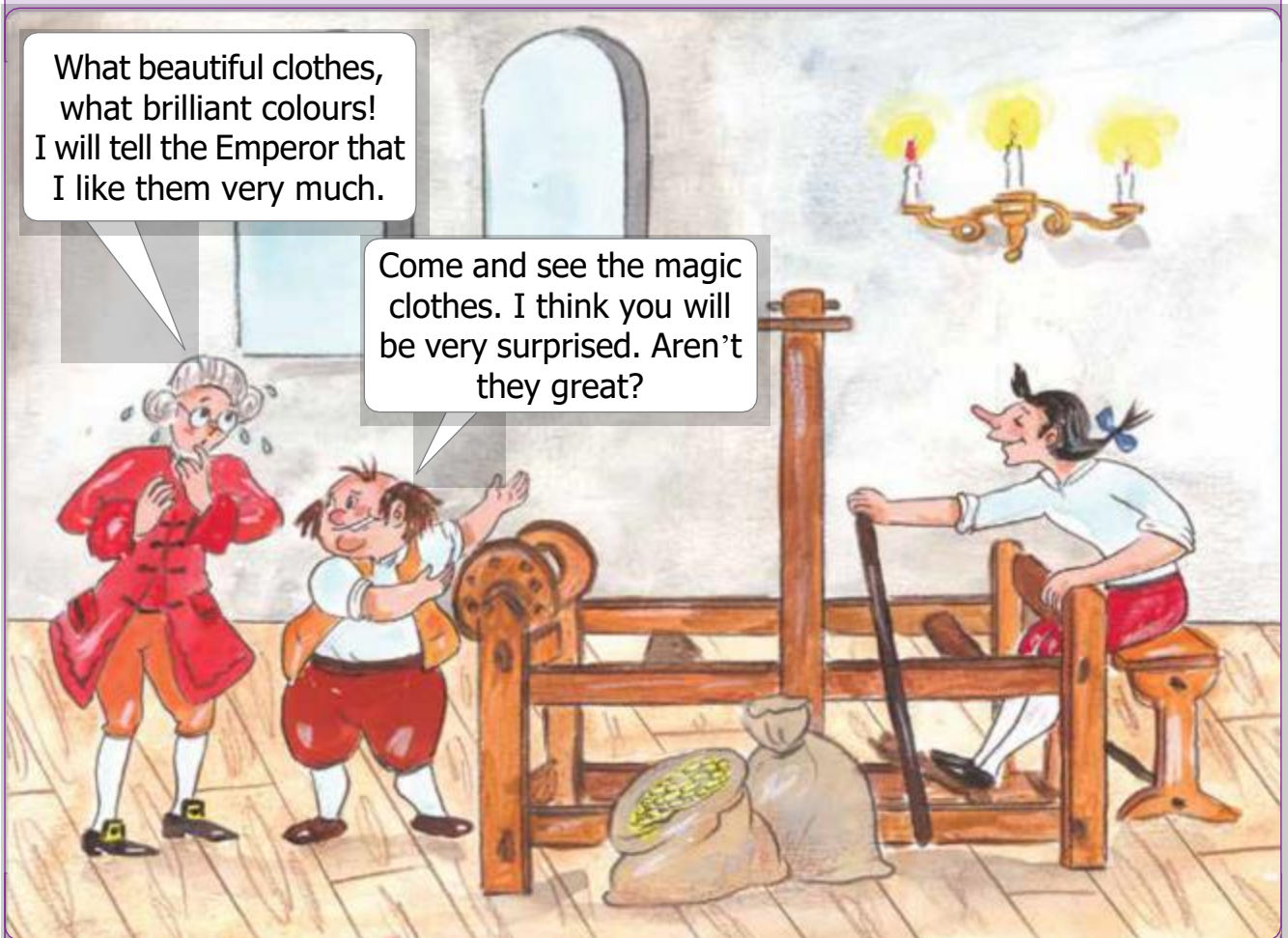
The Emperor gives them two bags of gold and a room where they set up their huge wooden looms. The two men lock the door and ... start to work.



But they actually do not work. They keep their looms moving with no silk or thread. For two nights and two days the Emperor comes and listens from behind the door: "Good, they're enjoying their work."

11. Every night and day the tailors
A) work hard B) make clothes C) cut and sew D) pretend to work
12. When the Emperor comes and listens at the men's door, does he seem happy with their work?
A) Yes, he is. B) Yes, he does. C) Yes, he can. D) No, he doesn't.
13. Look at the picture! There are two
A) candles B) tables C) bags of gold D) women
14. Look at the picture! One man is on a stool.
A) sitting B) staying C) standing D) lying

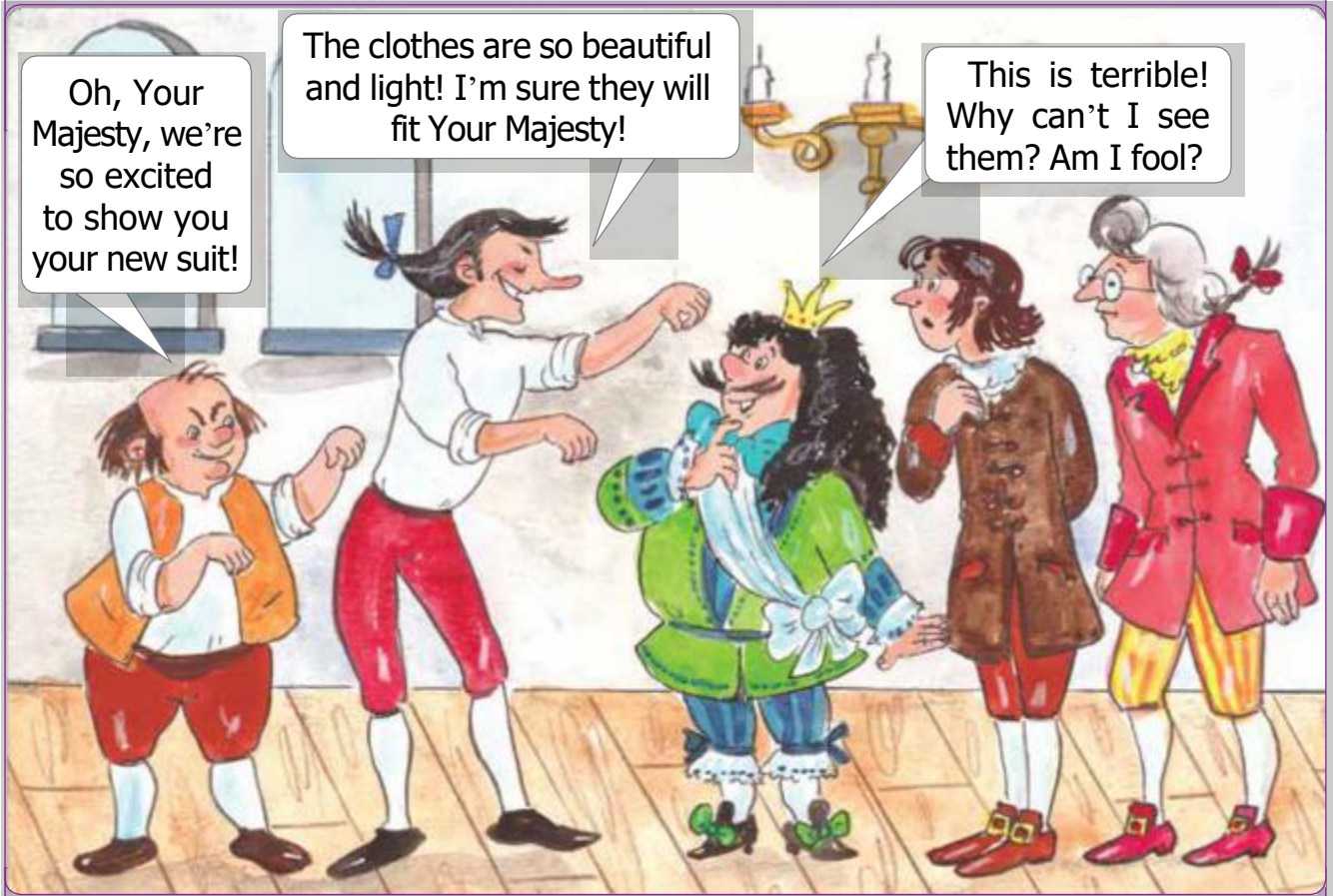
Two days later, the Emperor sends his minister to see his new clothes. He knocks on the door.



The minister is surprised indeed, because he sees nothing. He puts on his glasses, but still nothing. "Oh no," he says to himself. "I think I'm a fool. No one must know. I will pretend that I can see the clothes."

15. Why does the Emperor send his minister to the room where the tailors are working?
A) He wants the minister to pay the tailors. B) He believes his minister is a fool man.
C) He wants the minister to check on the clothes. D) He doesn't trust the tailors.
16. When the minister looks at the "clothes", he is
A) shocked B) relaxed C) happy D) comfortable
17. What's the opposite of *polite*?
A) lazy B) selfish C) rude D) gentle
18. Who says "Oh, no! I think I'm a fool."?
A) The Emperor. B) The minister. C) One of the tailors. D) One of the servants.

The next day the Emperor decides to see the clothes for himself. He looks at the looms, but he sees nothing. He gets as white as a sheet. The clothes are invisible.



The Emperor says he loves the clothes because he doesn't want other people to think he is a fool.

19. When the Emperor goes to see the clothes, he can't actually see
A) they B) it C) them D) their
20. The Emperor gets as white as a sheet. What does this mean?
A) He is embarrassed. B) He is shocked.
C) He gets angry. D) He is super excited.
21. Why does the Emperor say he can see the clothes?
A) He likes the clothes very much. B) He wants his people to think he is a fool.
C) He can actually see them. D) He doesn't want people to think he is stupid.
22. Look at the picture! The Emperor is wearing on his head.
A) a hat B) a cap C) a scarf D) a crown

The Emperor cannot see his clothes, but he pretends to put them on.



The Emperor looks at his naked body in the mirror. He is so confused!

23. Choose the correct match!



a. the minister

A) 1a/ 2d/ 3c/ 4b



b. the tailors

B) 1c/ 2d/ 3a/ 4b



c. the Emperor

C) 1c/ 2b/ 3a/ 4d



d. the servants

D) 1d/ 2c/ 3b/ 4a

24. Who helps the Emperor put his new clothes on?

A) The servants.

B) The tailors.

C) The ministers.

D) Nobody does.

25. can see the clothes. But still everyone pretends they can.

A) All

B) Everybody

C) Nobody

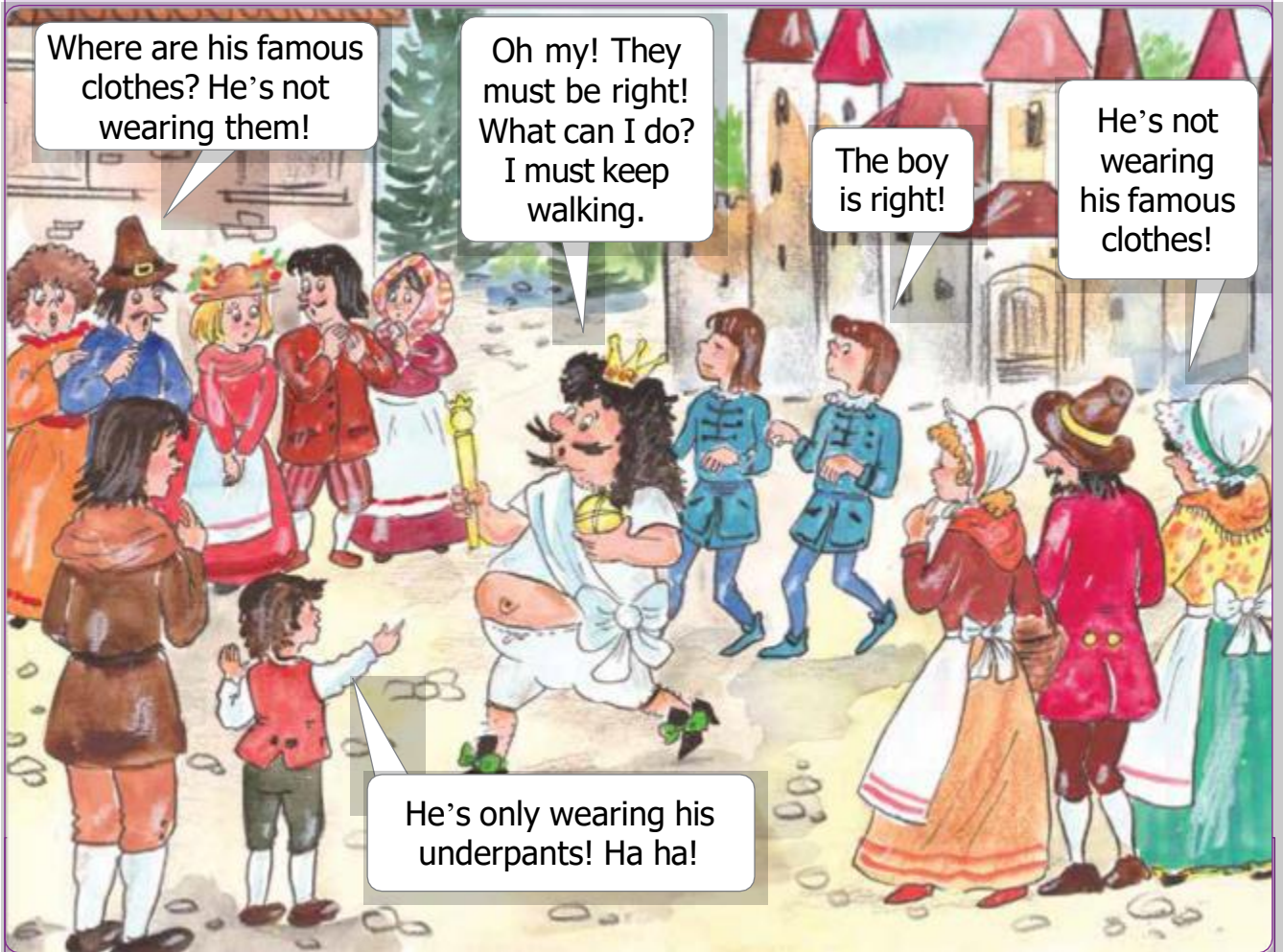
D) Everyone

The Emperor gets up early in the morning. People are already in the street to admire the new clothes. The two tailors come and help him get dressed. Then he puts on his invisible shirt and coat and places the crown on his head. Finally, the tailors tie up the laces on his shoes.



26. When the Emperor puts the new “clothes” on he...
- A) pretends to see them as well.
 - B) begins to doubt his servants.
 - C) is nervous about the parade.
 - D) is terrified that the tailors are not honest.
27. Look at the picture! Who’s wearing a green jacket?
- A) The Emperor.
 - B) One of the tailors.
 - C) One of the servants.
 - D) The minister.
28. Find the false sentence.
- A) The tailors help the Emperor get dressed.
 - B) The Emperor gets up early in the morning.
 - C) The tailors laugh at the Emperor.
 - D) The Emperor can see the clothes.

The parade starts. Everyone has heard about the magic clothes that only the wise could see. Finally the Emperor appears and the people become completely silent when they see him.



The Emperor's face turns red. It seems to him that they are right. So he keeps walking more proudly than ever, as his noblemen hold high the train which does not exist at all.

29. What happens at the end of the story?
- A) The Emperor impresses the crowds with the beauty of his clothes.
 - B) The Emperor is ashamed so he stops the parade.
 - C) The crowd admires the Emperor's beautiful clothes.
 - D) The Emperor is embarrassed but he keeps walking.
30. What's the moral of the story?
- A) It's best to be honest.
 - B) Always help people in need.
 - C) Silence is golden.
 - D) You get more beautiful every day.