



## THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

Once upon a time lived a very poor shoemaker. He only had enough leather left to make one pair of shoes.

One night before he went to bed, he cut out the shoes so he could start work on them the next day.

The next morning, when the shoemaker woke up, he was amazed to find a beautiful pair of shoes standing on his table, where he had left the leather.

They were made perfectly!

In fact, the shoes were so beautiful that when someone came to try them on they paid twice as much as the shoemaker asked for them!

The shoemaker could now buy enough leather for two pairs of shoes.

Before going to bed, he laid out the leather for the two pairs of shoes.

When he woke up - lo and behold - there were two wonderfully made pairs of shoes standing on the table! Soon the shoemaker became a very rich man.

One night, the shoemaker and his wife decided to stay hidden in the shop to see who crept in to make the beautiful shoes.

They were very surprised to see two very little elves who came into the shop and stitched the shoes together very carefully.

The peculiar thing about the elves was that they wore no clothes.

The shoemaker's wife wanted to show the little men how grateful they were for their help so she decided to knit them little socks, sew little trousers and shirts and leave them for them the following night.

When the elves crept into the shop that night and saw the lovely little clothes they were overjoyed.

They leapt about and sang with delight!

The shoemaker and his wife never saw the elves again. But they would always be grateful to them for showing them how to make such beautiful shoes.

## READ THE FAIRY TALE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Were the shoemaker and his wife rich?

2. Did the shoemaker have enough leather to make new shoes for a long time?

3. What did the shoemaker do before going to bed?

4. What did the shoemaker see on the table after he woke up?

5. Did he sell the shoes for a good price?

6. What did the shoemaker do every day?

7. Could the shoemaker and his wife find out who made those beautiful shoes?

8. Who made those perfect pairs of shoes?

9. What was peculiar about those elves?

10. Why did the shoemaker's wife prepare clothes for the elves?

11. Were the elves happy when they saw the little clothes?

12. Could the shoemaker see the elves again?

## WRITE TRUE or FALSE

1. The shoemaker had enough leather to make many pairs of shoes. ( ..... )

2. The shoemaker made a perfect pair of shoes. ( ..... )

3. The shoemaker sold the shoes twice as much. ( ..... )

4. The shoemaker could buy more leather every day so he sold more shoes every day. ( ..... )

5. Soon the shoemaker and his wife moved to a bigger house. ( ..... )

6. The shoemaker and his wife became wealthy soon. ( ..... )

7. The shoemaker and his wife found out that shoes were made by their helpful neighbours. ( ..... )

8. The wife prepared lovely clothes for the elves. ( ..... )