

A Pleasant Tale

Read to see what the princess learns from the market girl.

¹ The king had made a law. The people in the town had to be pleasant to the princess. Each day, the princess stood on the castle wall so everyone could be pleasant to her. Each day, a few people looked up pleasantly. No one waved or smiled. This made the princess sad and mad.

² One day, she noticed a market girl in the marketplace. The market girl waved and everyone she met waved back to her. They smiled. They looked pleasant. The princess had the girl brought to the castle.

³ “Why do people wave and smile at you? Why are they pleasant?” demanded the princess.

⁴ The market girl thought this was a silly question. “Perhaps it is because I wave and smile at them,” she said pleasantly.

⁵ The next day, the princess stood on the castle wall and waved. She even smiled. Down in the marketplace, the market girl waved and smiled back. This made the princess happy.



1. How did the princess feel when she waved and no one waved back?

2. How did the princess speak to the market girl?

_____ She spoke pleasantly.

_____ She spoke angrily.

_____ She begged her.

3. What lesson did the princess learn from the market girl?

4. Which of these best describes the story?

_____ a true story

_____ a fairy tale

_____ an article meant to teach



5. Read the sentences below. Write **C** next to the *cause* and **E** next to the *effect*.

_____ This made the princess mad.

_____ No one smiled or waved at the princess.

6. Who do you think was wiser in this story, the princess or the market girl? Why?
