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It's Not Fair



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What's this story about?

The key takes Biff to King Arthur's castle. The knights laugh when she says she wants to be a knight.

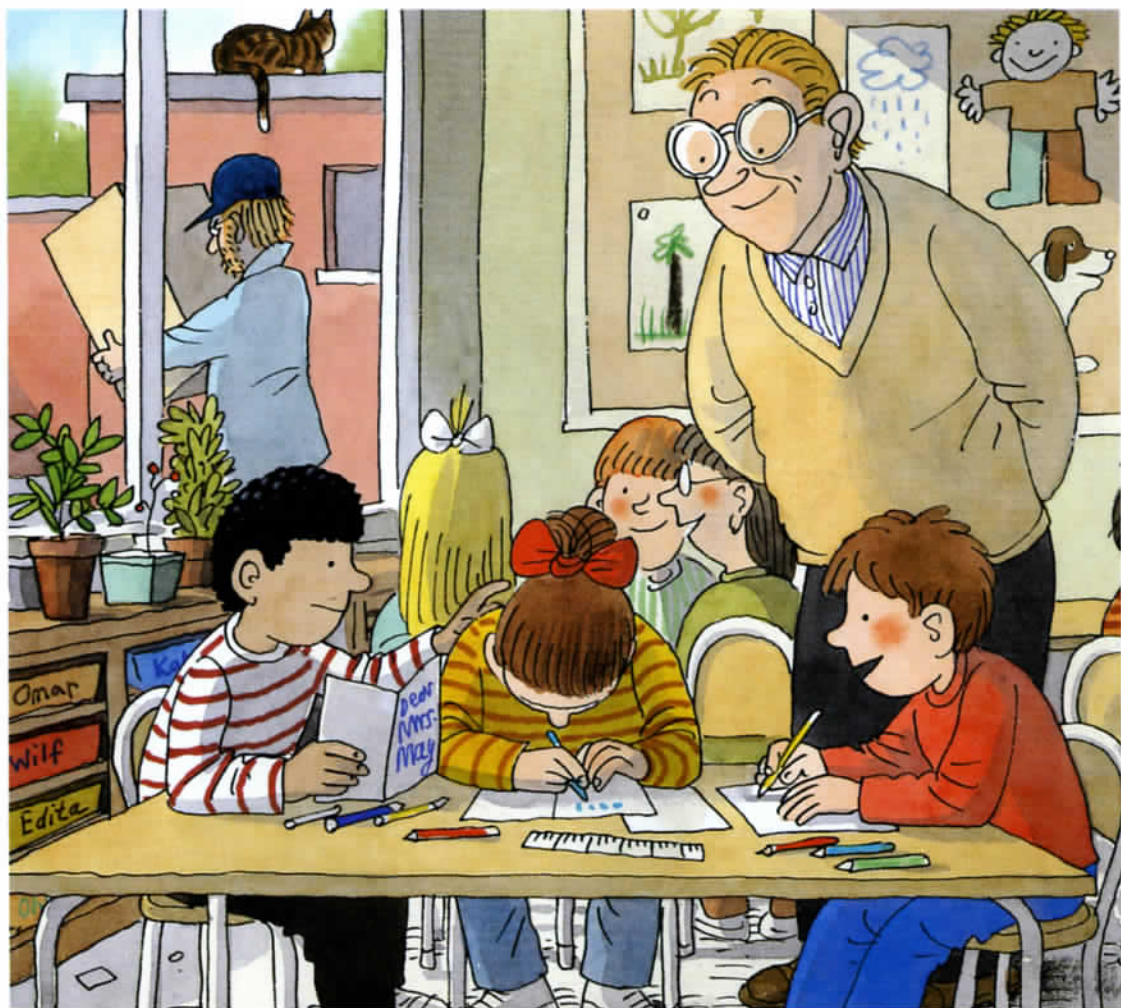
Talk together

Read the title and ask, "Do you remember when something wasn't fair?" Talk about what happened.

Read the story

W = Word recognition **C** = Language comprehension

- Look at the pictures and talk about what might happen in the story.
- W** Page 4, explain that the 'k' is silent in 'knights'. Show the child that the sounds of this word read as 'kn-igh-t-s'.
- C** Page 12, ask, "Why was Biff cross with the magic?"
- C** Page 21, ask, "Why was Biff's idea for a round table such a good idea?"
- C** At the end, talk about the story and why Biff was so cross.



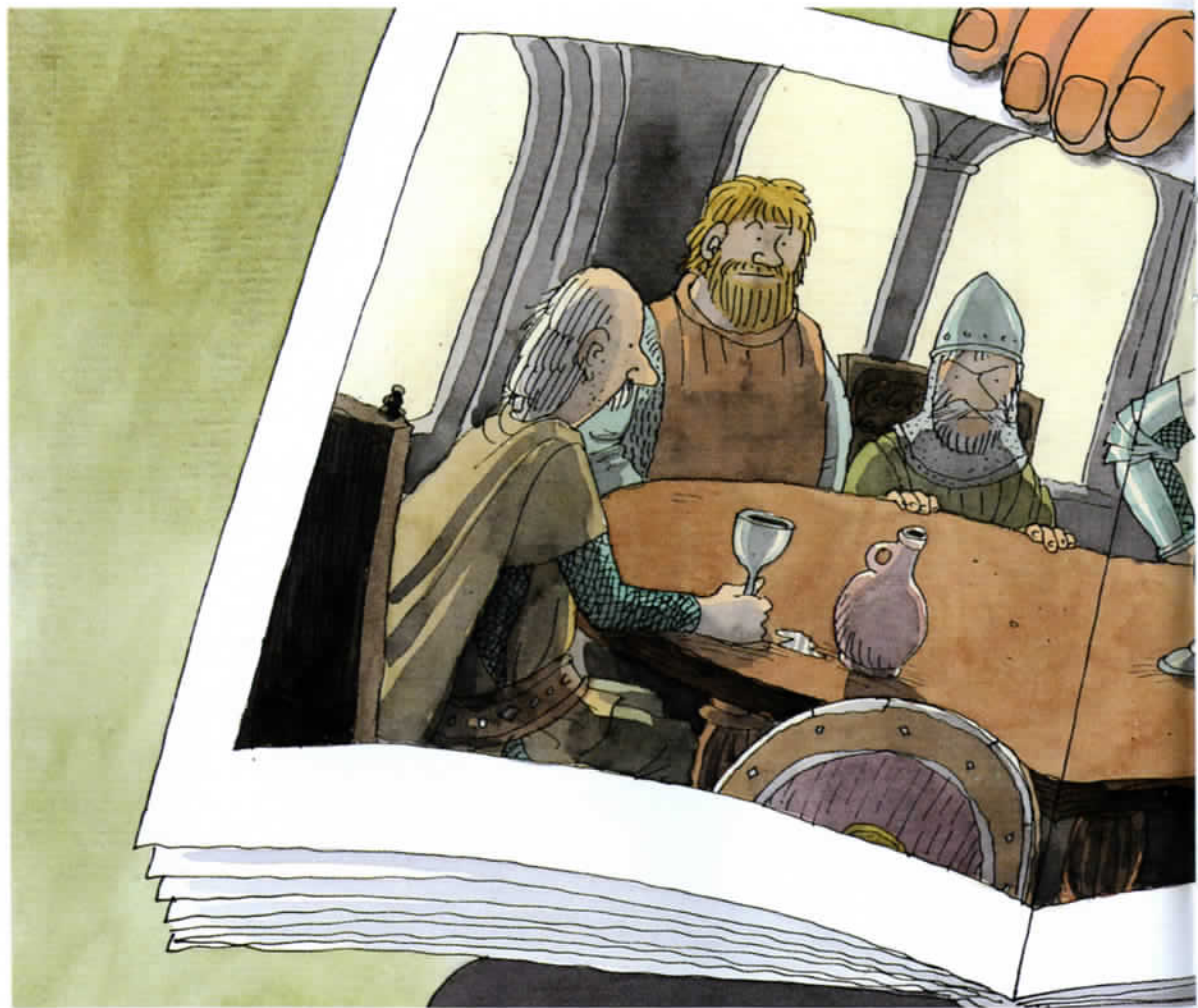
Mrs May was ill. The children had a new teacher. He was called Mr Fry.



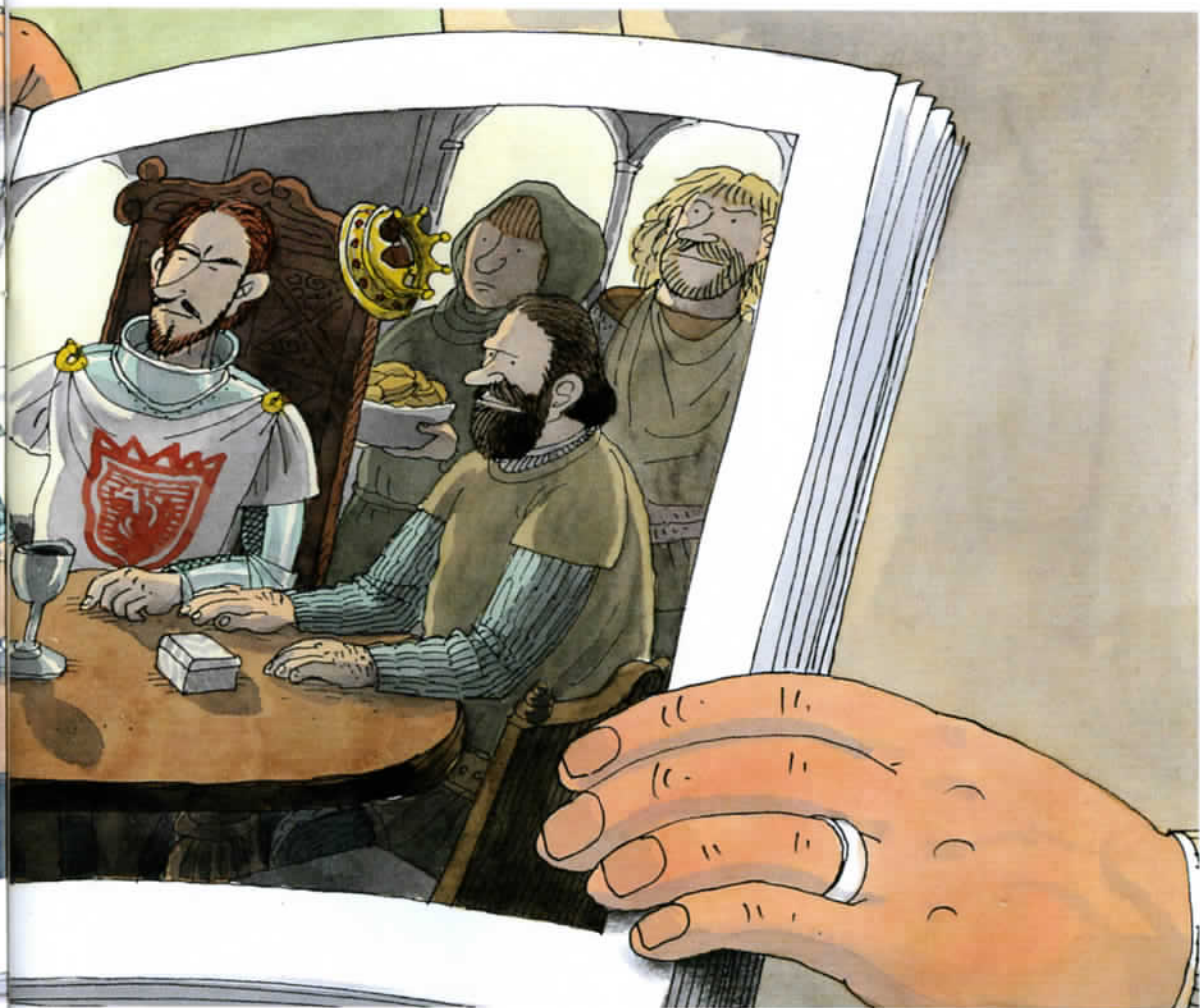
It was story time. The children sat in the reading corner.



Mr Fry had a new story. The story was about a king. He was called King Arthur.



“Here is King Arthur,” said Mr Fry,
“and here are his knights. They lived
a long time ago.”



King Arthur had a round table. All the knights sat round it. They liked the round table.



The children did a project. The boys
were knights.

“It’s not fair,” said Biff.



Biff wanted to be a knight.
“It’s not fair,” she said. “Why can’t girls be knights?”



Biff was in her room. She wanted to go skateboarding. But the magic key began to glow.

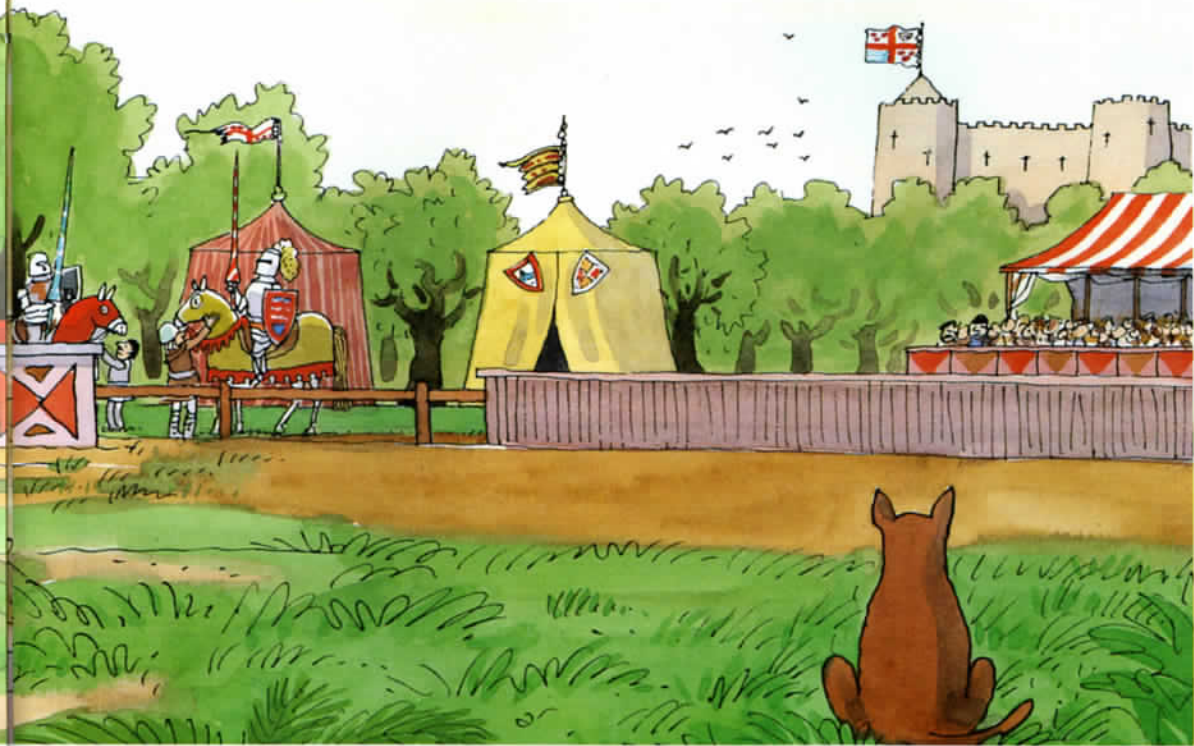


“Oh blow!” said Biff. “I wanted to go skateboarding.”



The magic took Biff to King Arthur's
castle. It put her in a dress.

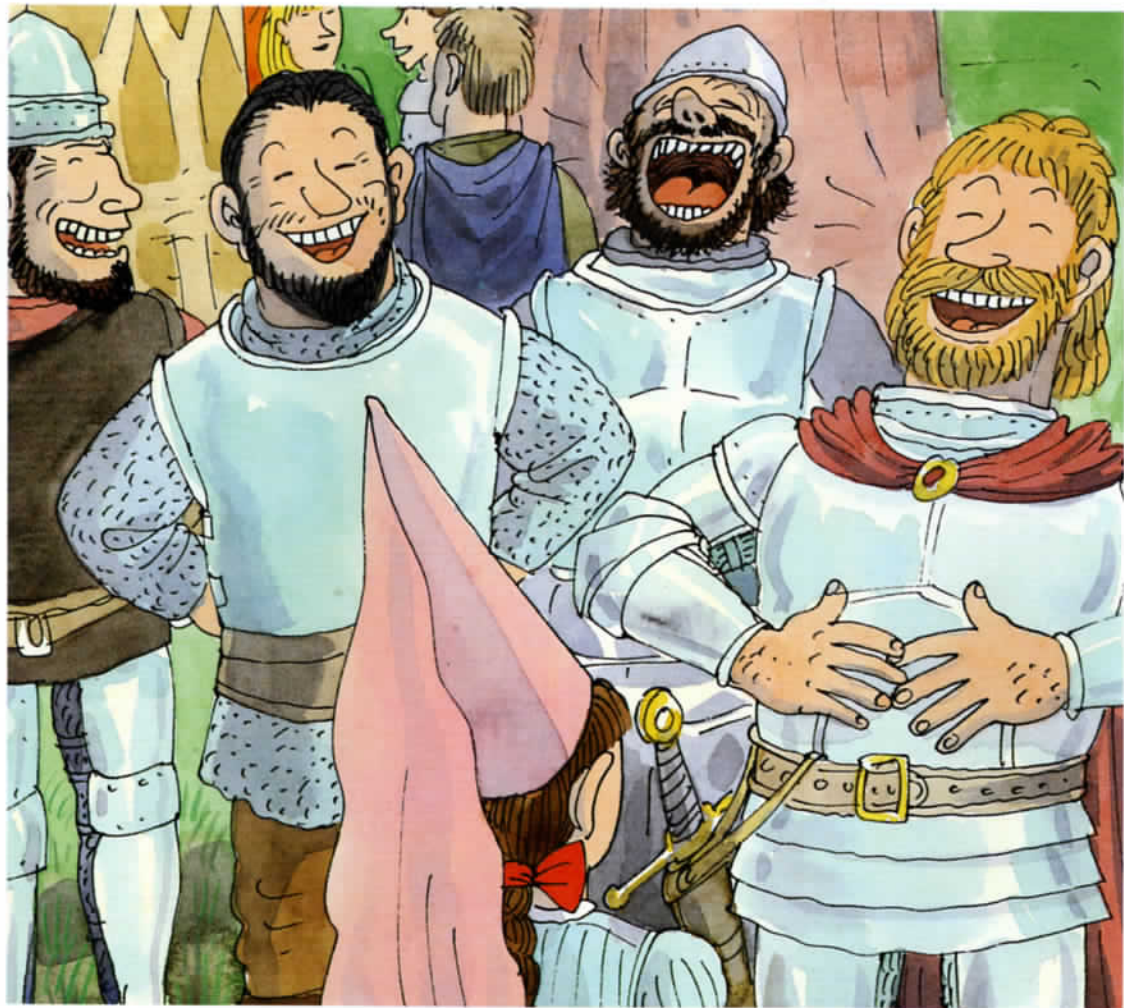
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“Yuk!” said Biff. “I wanted to be a knight. Knights don’t wear dresses.”

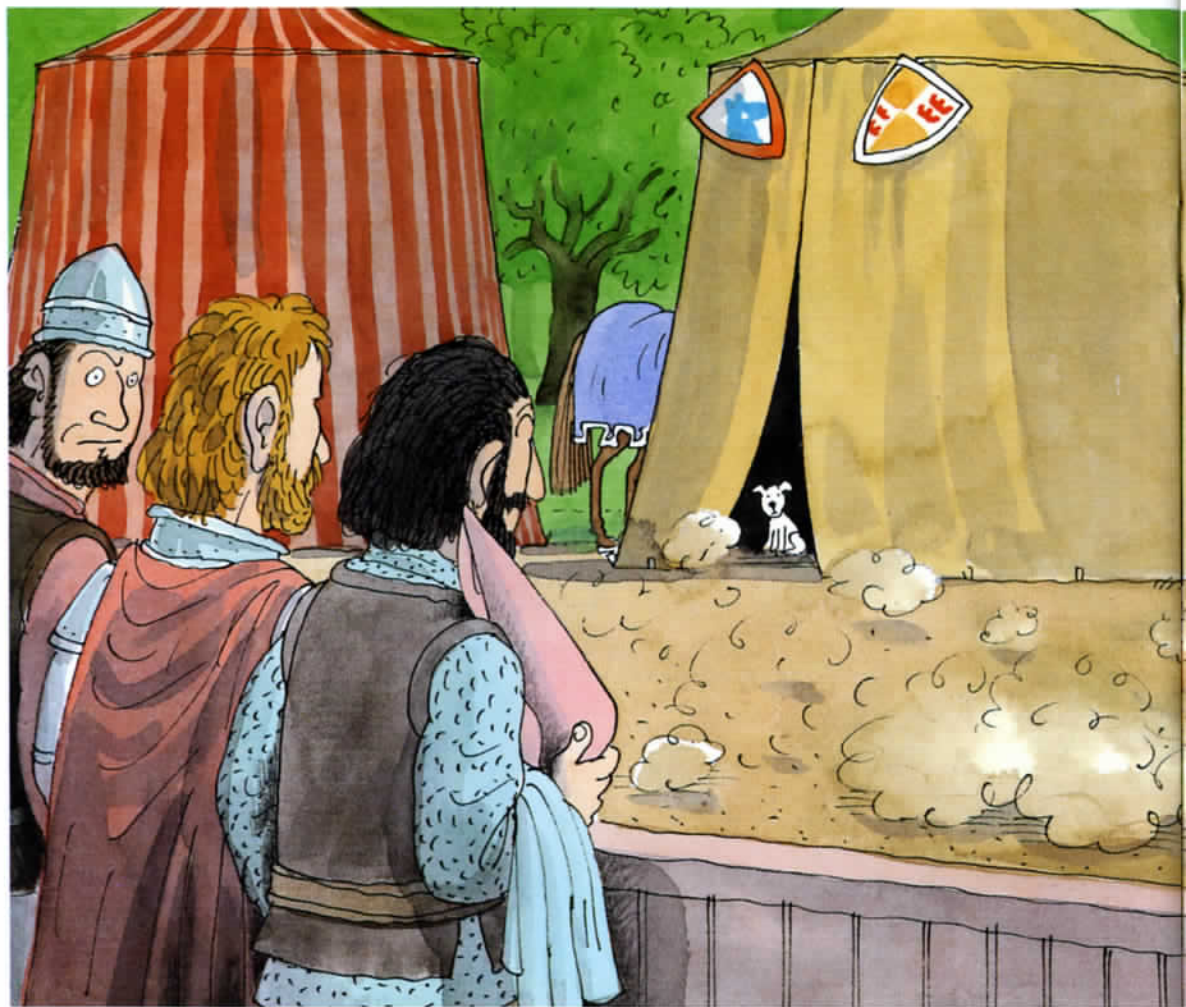


Biff was cross with the magic. She
saw some knights.
“Can I be a knight?” she said.

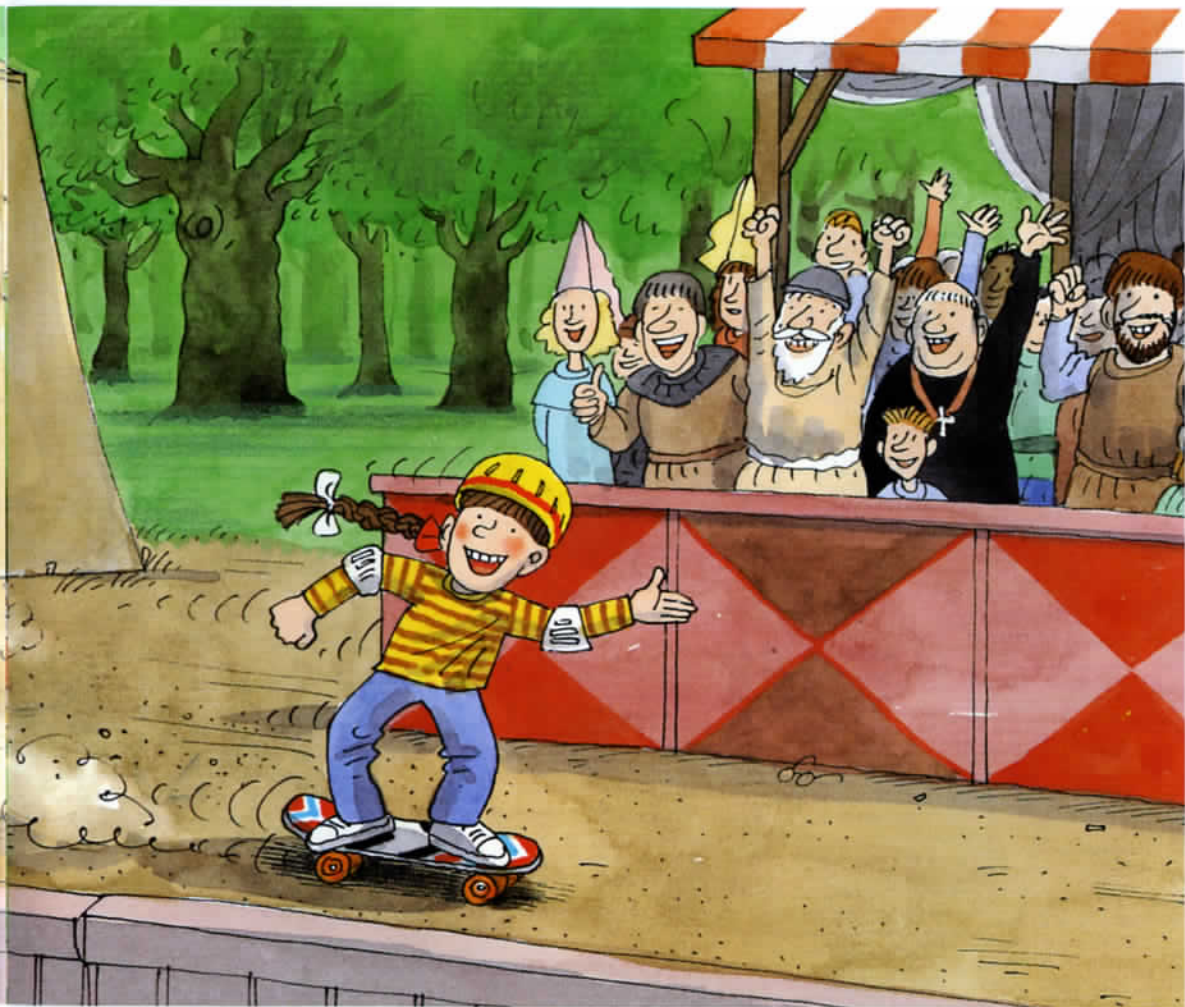


The knights laughed.

“But you are a girl,” they said. “Girls can’t be knights.”



Biff got on her skateboard.
“You couldn’t do that,” she said.
“Now can I be a knight?”



The knights were amazed.

“We’ll have to ask King Arthur,” said the knights.



The knights took Biff to King Arthur.
“This is Biff,” they said. “She wants to
be a knight.”



King Arthur laughed.

“Girls can’t be knights,” he said.

“Why not?” asked Biff.



King Arthur called a meeting but the knights argued.



No one wanted to sit down. They all wanted to sit near King Arthur.



Biff had a good idea. She spoke to
King Arthur.

“Get a round table,” she said.



The knights liked the round table.
“It’s brilliant!” they said. “Now we
won’t argue.”



The knights sat round the table.
“See!” said Biff. “Now can I be a knight?”



But everyone laughed.
“I’m sorry,” said King Arthur, “but
girls can’t be knights.”



The magic adventure was over.
“It’s not fair,” said Biff. “Girls are as
good as boys.”

Play a game

Punctuation search

This helps children to name and recognise different kinds of punctuation.

- Ask, "Can you find a capital letter and full stop on this page?"
- After the child finds it, he/she asks you to find a different punctuation mark. Take turns.

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Find 'knight' in the story. Think of other words that begin with 'kn' (knee, knit, know).
- Find other stories about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

It's Not Fair

Biff goes to King Arthur's castle.

This story practises these words:

about as be boy(s) but call(ed) can't
could(n't) did do don't down girl(s)
good got had have her here his
laugh(ed) lived new not now one over
put saw some time took want(ed/s)
were with



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