

Rumpelstiltskin: A Modern Retelling

Auditioning for Find A Star

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Task 1: Together with your teacher read this modern version of the Brother Grimm's fairy tale 'Rumpelstiltskin' called 'Rumpelstiltskin: A Modern Retelling'. Then take turns reading paragraph by paragraph. After each paragraph compare it with the original story by reading the information below. Summarize or talk about what's different in the modern version.

1. The original story is about a poor miller and his daughter and when the miller gets a chance to talk to the king, he brags about his daughter and says she can spin gold out of straw.
2. The king tells the miller to bring his daughter to the castle, locks her into a room filled with straw, a spinning wheel and a spindle and tells the daughter to spin the straw into gold by early morning or she will die.
3. The daughter panics and starts to cry when a little man walks into her room and tells her that he will spin the straw for her in exchange for her ring.
4. The king is pleased when he sees the gold the next morning, but is too greedy to stop there. He locks her in another larger room and once again threatens her life if all of the straw is not spun into gold by morning.
5. He little man returns the second night, promising to spin the straw into gold in exchange for her necklace.
6. The king is happy to find gold once again. On the third night, the king takes the miller's daughter to a room with even more straw in it.
7. The king promises her to marry her if she spins the straw into gold. The young girl is very upset and can't think clearly because she has nothing left to give the little man.
8. The little man tells her that in exchange for spinning the straw for her, she must give him her first-born child after she becomes the Queen. The young girl, thinking that this seems far away and she may not even have children, agrees.
9. In the morning, the king is happy. He follows through on his promise and makes the miller's daughter his wife.
10. The following year, the Queen gives birth to a child. By this time, she has forgotten about the little man. But Rumpelstiltskin came back to ask for his prize, the child.
11. The Queen was scared and offered hi mall her wealth so that she could keep her child. Rumpelstiltskin become soft and agrees to let her keep the child if she could guess his name in three days.

12. On the first two days, the Queen guesses random names. On the third day a royal messenger sees a little man in the forest dancing and singing "How good that nobody knows, that my name is Rumpelstiltskin." The Queen tells the little man his name and Rumpelstiltskin stamps his foot and gets so angry that he tears himself apart.

Task 2: Comparisons. Say it differently! Example:

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⇒ The other performers on 'Find A Star' **were more talented than** Chloe Miller.

1 She didn't sing as well as the other performers.

2 _____
Mr Miller was not as famous as producer Simon King.

3 _____
The other performers were not as nervous as Chloe.

4 _____
Chloe was not as excited to sing as the others.

5 _____
Chloe's voice was not as beautiful as the other performers' voices.

6 _____
It was not as easy for her to sing on stage.

7 _____
But Chloe didn't sing as bad as she thought she would.

8 _____
Her performance was not as boring as she thought it would be.

Task 3: Now do this exercise the other way round. Example:

Walking on stage **was scarier** for Chloe **than** walking on ice.

⇒ Walking on ice was **not as scary** for Chloe **as** walking on stage.

1 Chloe is more worried about the competition on live TV than her father.

2 _____
Chloe is less confident than the other performers.

3 _____
Singing on TV was more embarrassing for Chloe than singing in the shower.

4 _____
Chloe was much taller than the little man.

5 _____
Chloe was a much better at acting than at singing.

6 _____
Chloe was much cleverer than the other performers.

7 _____
'Find A Star' is less popular than 'Voice of Germany'.

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Producer Simon King was more famous than Mr Miller.

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Chloe was more nervous than the other performers.

4 Chloe was not as excited to sing as the others.

The others were more excited to sing than Chloe.

5 Chloe's voice was not as beautiful as the other performers' voices.

The other performers' voices was more beautiful than Chloe's voice.

6 It was not as easy for her to sing on stage.

It was more difficult for her to sing on stage.

7 But Chloe didn't sing as bad as she thought she would.

Chloe sang better than she thought she would.

8 Her performance was not as boring as she thought it would be.

Her performance was much more interesting than she thought it would be.

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4 Chloe was much taller than the little man.

Chloe was not as short as the little man.

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Winning 'Find A Star' made Chloe not as proud as winning the Oscar.