

Cinderella

(Cinderella has left the ball in a hurry dropping her glass slipper on the way. Prince Charming has decided he will search the land and marry the girl the slipper fits.)

Baron: Your Royal Highness.

Prince: We are here on most urgent business, are your daughters at home?

Gertie: Princekins.

Doris: Princey.

Prince: Good morning ladies. Would you be so good as to try on this slipper for me? She whom it fits shall be my bride.

Gertie: What a coincidence! I lost a slipper just like that one last night, didn't I Doris?

Doris: Don't be silly Gertie, it was me.

(Each of the stepsisters takes a turn at trying on the slipper.)

Doris: Anyone got a shoehorn? Nearly got it. That's it. It fits! It fits!

Prince: Except for the heel.

Gertie: Goody, me next.

(Gertie pushes Doris off the chair.)

Doris: I don't know what you are in such a hurry for. If it didn't fit me, it certainly won't fit you!

Gertie: I bet it does! I'll have you know I have a very short foot.

Prince: Well, inches or centimetres, this particular foot is too long to go into this slipper. I'm beginning to think that the ball last night was just a dream. These two ladies are the last in the land. Yet, I remember vividly, her lips on mine as we kissed! I must find her!

Gertie: This is where it gets all sloppy and sentimental.

Doris: I wish he would get all sloppy and sentimental with me!

Prince: I'll go and check the list of all the people we invited to the ball once more. I might have missed someone!

(All leave. Last one to go is Doris who picks up the slipper and has one further attempt to force it on. She fails and with a snort of disgust, flings it down and leaves the stage. Cinderella enters.)

Cinders: Oh just look at the state of this place! As usual it's left to me to clear up.

(Cinderella picks up the slipper and tries it on.)

Cinders: They've even left a pair of shoes here! No, I'm wrong, it's just one shoe or slipper rather. Actually it fits quite well and I'm sure I have seen this before somewhere. Where was it now? There was music, I remember...

(Cinderella starts to dance around singing the music to the dance. The prince enters.)

Prince: I've checked the list and now I've lost the slipper. I left it just here...

(The Prince sees Cinderella wearing the slipper.)

Prince: Does that slipper fit?

Cinders: Yes! It's very comfortable – I wish I could find the other then I would have a pair just like those I dreamed about last night.

Prince: What did you dream about?

Cinders: I dreamed that I was at a ball – I had a lovely dress – I danced with the Prince – and – and...

Prince: Like this.

(The Prince takes Cinderella in his arms and dances around the room.)

Cinders: Ooh! Yes! Just like that. It made me feel like a princess.

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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Prince Charming was looking for the girl who left the glass slipper at the ball. He asked the Baron if his

1 **sons** **cousins** **children** **daughters**

were at home. He asked the girls if they would try on a

2 **coat.** **necklace.** **slipper.** **hat.**

Gertie said she had lost one last

3 **week** **Saturday** **night** **year**

but Doris said it was

4 **him.** **her.** **them.** **us.**

The slipper would not fit so the Prince went to check his list. Meanwhile,

5 **the Baron** **Cinders** **Doris** **Gertie**

came in and tried on the slipper. The Prince returned and asked if it fitted and she replied it reminded her of a dream about a

6 **hall** **dance** **disco** **ball**

where she felt like a Princess.

Section B

1 Why do you think Gertie said 'I lost a slipper just like that one last night'?

2 Why do you think Doris said 'It fits! It fits!' even though her heel was sticking out of the back of the shoe?

3 Why do you think Gertie pushed Doris off the chair?

4 Why did Doris wish the Prince would 'get all sloppy and sentimental with me'?

5 Why did the Prince decide to check his list?

6 What do you understand by the phrase 'with a snort of disgust'?

7 Why do you think Cinderella did not recognise the slipper straight away?

8 The Prince said, "I left it just here..." Why do you think he stopped speaking in the middle of his sentence?

Section C

Write a short playscript, which tells how this story ends. You may wish to tell the traditional ending or you may decide to make up an ending of your own.