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Once upon a time, there lived a beautiful young woman called Cinderella. Cinderella lived with her wicked stepmother and two ugly sisters. They were very unkind to poor Cinderella and made her do all of the housework.



One day, an invitation came from the palace. It invited everyone to the prince's ball. The wicked stepmother said that Cinderella was not allowed to go.



The day of the ball arrived and poor Cinderella was left alone at the house.

"I wish I could go to the ball," she sighed.

Just then, a lovely lady with a gold wand in her hand appeared in the room.

"I am your fairy godmother and you shall go to the ball!" she said.

With the touch of her wand, the fairy godmother turned a pumpkin into a magnificent coach and six mice into six splendid white horses. Next, she turned Cinderella's ragged dress into a beautiful gown and her old shoes into the prettiest glass slippers.



"Remember, you must leave the ball before the clock strikes twelve," the fairy godmother warned her.

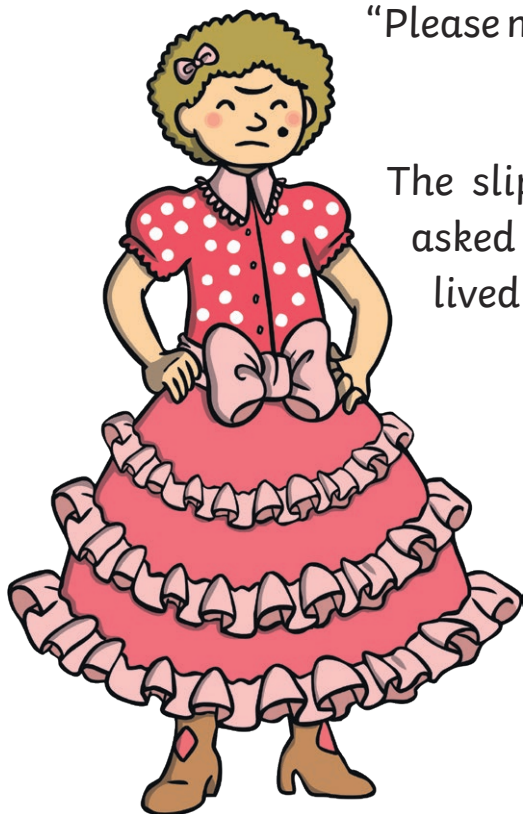
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Cinderella had a wonderful time at the ball and danced with the prince all night. Cinderella was enjoying herself so much that she didn't notice the time. Midnight approached and the clock began to strike. Cinderella ran out of the palace, leaving one of her glass slippers behind. The prince ran after her but he was too late!



The next morning, the prince went from house to house with the glass slipper. Finally, the prince came to Cinderella's house. The first ugly sister tried on the slipper but it was too small. The second ugly sister tried on the slipper but it was too big.

"Please may I try on the slipper?" asked Cinderella.



The slipper fit Cinderella perfectly! The prince asked Cinderella to marry him and they both lived happily ever after.

