



Story sheet

What happened to Cinderella next...

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The Prince leant forward to put the delicate glass slipper on Cinderella's foot. The TV crew camera zoomed in to capture the results for everyone viewing at home. A hush descended on the household as everyone held their breath to see if it fitted, which it did, perfectly. Cinderella and the Prince got into the Bentley and were driven to the palace as cheers were heard across the nation. Her new life was beginning.

PAUSE AND ASK QUESTIONS

- What sort of jobs would Cinderella be expected to do in her new life?
- What sort of clothes would she be expected to wear?
- What sort of food would she eat?
- How would she look?
- How would the public know what was going on in Cinderella's life?

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For a while Cinderella really enjoyed life. It was so new and exciting. She was richer than she ever dreamed she would be. She had everything she wanted. Every day there were stories and photos of her in the newspapers and magazines. People were always uploading videos of her they had taken on their phones. Things that she said went viral. She was EVERYWHERE!

PAUSE AND ASK QUESTIONS

- How do you think she is feeling about her new life?
- How would she feel about being everywhere?
- How might you feel if it was you?

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Then one day she was being driven to a hospital to meet some ill children. She loved meeting people and talking with them. She was very kind and always knew what to say to make people smile and laugh. The Bentley got stuck in traffic and while she looked out of the window she saw a ten year old girl walking down the road with her mum. The little girl looked like a mini version of Cinderella. She was wearing a copy of her favourite red dress which had been splashed across the media a few months ago. She even had matching lipstick and the same hair style. A shiver ran down Cinderella's back.



PAUSE AND ASK QUESTIONS

- How do you think Cinderella felt when she saw this mini version of herself?
- What do you think made the ten year old girl want to look like Cinderella?
- Can you think of any famous people who young people might like to copy, or do copy?
- How do young people copy them?
- Why do you think the mum allowed her ten year daughter to dress in that way?

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The next day, Cinderella was due to attend the film awards at the Royal Opera House. She knew that the world's press would be there. She rushed into the Bentley at the last minute, almost late. As the car drew up to the red carpet, the door opened, the camera flashes went off and Cinderella emerged. She was wearing old jeans from her time in the kitchen and a baggy white T-shirt with the words "BE YOURSELF" scrawled on it in marker pen. She was wearing brand-free trainers and had on a holey hoodie because it was cold. She looked pale and her freckles were showing as she wore no makeup. The flashes stopped. There was a sudden collective gulp and a stunned silence. She smiled, waved and walked up the red carpet into the building.

PAUSE AND ASK QUESTIONS

- What do you think was the reaction of the press and social media?
- What do you think the news would be about the next day?
- How do you think ordinary people would feel seeing Cinderella like this?
- How would you feel about it?

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Cinderella's appearance caused quite a stir the next day. Especially when she gave an interview saying that she often dressed like that because it was how she felt most comfortable and that she hoped people would dress in a way that was best for them, rather than copying a famous person.

Everyone loved her even more for being herself and they became quite used to her turning up to an official function in trainers or a dress they had seen many times before.