

JOHNNY AND THE FROG

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One day, a young boy named Johnny was walking to school when he heard a noise in the tall grass along the side of the road. He stopped to see what it was.

When he pushed the grass apart, there he saw a green frog looking up at him.

He thought to himself, “How cool. A frog. I’ve always wanted a pet frog.”

He reached down and picked up the frog. He looked into its eyes, and then to his surprise, the frog began to speak.

It said, “Will you help me please?”

Johnny was shocked. He didn’t know what to do. He had never heard of a talking frog before.

Again, the frog begged, “Please, will you help me?”

“What do you want me to do?” Johnny asked.

“Kiss me! If you do, I’ll turn back into a beautiful princess,” the frog said.

“Kiss you? Why would I want to kiss you? You’re a frog,” Johnny responded.

“Honest. I’m really a beautiful princess. An evil witch turned me into a frog because she was jealous of me. The only way for me to become a princess again is if I am kissed,” the frog responded.

Johnny put the frog into his pocket and continued on his way to school.

The frog began to jump around in his pocket and the sound of its muffled

voice began to get louder.

Johnny stopped and took the frog out of his pocket to find out why it was making so much noise. He looked at it again.

“Why are you making so much noise?” Johnny asked.

“Why did you put me in your pocket? I told you if you kissed me, I would turn into a beautiful princess. I will give you anything you want, just kiss me!” the frog begged.

Johnny answered, “What would I do with a princess? I’m just a boy. A talking frog is so much cooler.”

He put the frog back into his pocket and went on his way to school.

When he arrived at school, he was excited to show his friends his new pet. He walked up to a group of boys who were playing with a ball.

“Hey guys, look at what I found on the way to school,” he said, as he took the frog out of his pocket.

The boys came over to see what Johnny was talking about.

“That’s the biggest frog I’ve ever seen,” said Randall.

“That’s not the best part. She can talk!” Johnny said with excitement.

“You’ve told us some stories before, but this has to be the best one ever. A talking frog? Now I’ve heard it all,” Frank spoke up.

“She can! She’s really a beautiful princess who was turned into a frog by a wicked witch. She said if I kissed her, she will turn back into a princess, and she will give me anything I want. But I think having a talking frog is so much cooler. What do you guys think?” Johnny asked.

Randall looked at the frog and said, “Hey frog, speak. What’s your name?”

Danny added, “Yeah speak! Are you really a beautiful princess?”

The frog said nothing.

The boys began to laugh.

The frog just looked at the boys.

“Let’s see what happens,” said Randall and before anyone could stop him, he bent over and kissed the frog on the nose.

Nothing happened.

Johnny was as surprised as anyone. He looked at the frog, “You told me that if you were kissed you would turn into a beautiful princess. What happened?”

There was no answer. The frog just looked up at him.

The boys began to laugh, “What a story, Johnny!”

Johnny smiled a small smile, and then said, “I guess I was just dreaming.”

He placed the frog into his locker, gave it some water, and then went to class.

At the end of the day, he took the frog out of the locker, placed it into his pocket, and left for home.

About halfway home the frog began to jump around in his pocket, and he could hear its muffled voice again.

He took it out and the frog began to yell at him, “Why did you try to get your friends to make me talk? Why did you let that awful boy kiss me? Why did you put me into your locker?”

Johnny didn’t answer. He just looked at the frog wondering why she would talk to him now but not when his friends were there.

Then he asked her, “Why didn’t you talk to my friends? They think I am a liar now. What am I supposed to do?”

“I told you, kiss me and then I will turn into a beautiful princess. Only you can do that. The witch has made it so. Only the person who finds me first can break the spell. Please kiss me!” she begged. “If you don’t, I will be like this forever.”

Johnny wrinkled his nose and kissed her as lightly as he could on her nose.

Alternate ending #1:

Nothing happened.

“I did as you said, but you’re still a frog,” Johnny said. “You’re just a liar!”

“Well, I got you to kiss me, didn’t I? OK, well, good-bye for now,” the frog replied, jumped out of his hands into the tall grass along the side of the road and hopped away.

Johnny no longer had a talking frog. This made him very sad. He went home and never told anyone about this story because he knew no one would ever believe him.

Alternate ending #2:

Suddenly in front of him was a beautiful girl with long blonde hair and sparkling blue eyes.

“Thank you for saving me,” she said. “I thought I would be a frog for the rest of my life. I will stay with you forever.”

Johnny was very surprised. He had no idea what he was going to do with a beautiful princess. He really wanted to have a talking frog.

He went home and the princess followed him. When he walked in the door of his house, his mother was shocked to see the girl.

“Who is this?” she asked/

“UH, I don’t know her name. She used to be a frog, but when I kissed her she became like this,” Johnny responded.

“My name is Gwendolyn. I am the daughter of the king. An evil witch turned me into a frog and then your son kissed me. And then I became myself again,” she told Johnny’s mother.

Johnny’s mother looked at Johnny, “Are you kidding me? That’s the craziest story I’ve ever heard.”

“It’s true! I found her on the way to school. She told me that if I kissed her she would turn into a beautiful princess and she would give me anything I wanted,” Johnny tried to get his mother to believe him.

“So, she said you could ask for *anything?*” his mother was very curious.

“Yeah, that’s what she said,” Johnny replied.

The princess just smiled.

“What do you want?” asked his mother.

“I want her to go home. I don’t need a beautiful princess. A talking frog was so much cooler,” Johnny replied.

With that, the princess disappeared.

He felt something in his pocket. He took it out and it was a frog!

The frog said, “I’m your talking frog. Let’s go out and play!”

VOCABULARY (*Match the word to its definition*)

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| 1. shocked _____ | a. cannot tell the truth |
| 2. jealous _____ | b. inaudible, not clear |
| 3. muffled _____ | c. not smooth |
| 4. pocket _____ | d. envious, resentful |
| 5. wicked _____ | e. jump like a frog |
| 6. locker _____ | f. surprised, stunned |
| 7. awful _____ | g. place to put books at school |
| 8. liar _____ | h. pouch, place for things in pants |
| 9. wrinkle _____ | i. evil, bad |
| 10. hop _____ | j. terrible, unpleasant |

TRUE / FALSE

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| 1. Johnny was on his way to school when he found the frog. | T / F |
| 2. Johnny found a toad. | T / F |
| 3. The frog was really a beautiful princess. | T / F |
| 4. The frogs name was Belle. | T / F |
| 5. The boys laughed at Johnny. | T / F |
| 6. The frog told Randall to stop kissing her. | T / F |
| 7. Johnny put the frog into his locker. | T / F |
| 8. Johnny got three wishes after he kissed the frog. | T / F |
| 9. The frog went to Johnny's house. | T / F |
| 10. The frog just wanted Johnny to kiss her. | T / F |

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What kind of animal did Johnny find? _____
 - a) dog
 - b) cow
 - c) mouse
 - d) frog

2. Who did the frog say turned her into a frog? _____
 - a) Johnny
 - b) Randall
 - c) Fairy Godmother
 - d) evil witch

3. Where did the frog go after Johnny kissed her? _____
 - a) to his house
 - b) back into the grass
 - c) to school
 - d) into Johnny's pocket

4. What did the frog promise Johnny if he kissed her? _____
 - a) three wishes
 - b) anything he wanted
 - c) a new house
 - d) she would be his pet forever

COMPREHENSION: *(Write a complete sentence to answer the question.)*

1. Who found the frog?

2. Where did he find the frog?

3. Who kissed the frog the first time?

4. What did the frog promise if she was kissed?

5. Who did she say turned her into a frog?

6. What were the boys doing when Johnny walked up to them?

7. Where did Johnny put the frog during the day?

8. Where did Johnny put the frog on his way home?

9. What did the frog say after Johnny kissed it?

10. What did Johnny say the boys called him?
