

Vocabulary Words

1. Brag (verb) /bræg/: to talk too proudly about oneself or one's achievements.
Example sentence: He likes to brag about his high test scores to his classmates.
2. Special (adjective) /'speʃəl/: different from ordinary; unique or important.
Example sentence: Today is a special day because it's my birthday!
3. Appreciate (verb) /ə'pri:ʃiət/: to understand and value something; to be grateful for something.
Example sentence: I really appreciate your help with my homework. Thank you!
4. Unwavering (adjective) /ʌn'weɪvərɪŋ/: firm and steady; not changing or wavering.
Example sentence: Despite the challenges, her unwavering determination helped her achieve her goals.
5. Disappear (verb) /,dɪsə'piər/: to vanish or go out of sight.
Example sentence: The magician made the rabbit disappear right before our eyes.

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Rumpelstiltskin



Once upon a time, there was a miller who liked to **brag** to the king that his daughter could change straw into gold.

Miller: "My daughter can spin straw into gold, Your Majesty!"

Interested in this story, the king called for the miller and his daughter to come to the palace. Inside the palace, the miller's daughter was given a spinning wheel and a room filled with straw. Wanting to make her father proud, she agreed when a strange little man appeared and offered to help her change the straw into gold in exchange for something **special**.

Little Man: "I can help you spin straw into gold, but I'll need something precious in return."

The next morning, the king was amazed to see the room filled with gold. Wanting more, he asked that the miller's daughter be placed in a bigger room filled with even more straw. Once again, the little man came to help her, asking for something even more special in return for changing the straw into gold.

Little Man: "Give me something even more precious, and I'll spin the straw into gold once again."

On the third night, the little man asked for the miller's daughter's first born child.
Little Man: "I will take your firstborn child unless you can guess my name within three days."

Years later, the miller's daughter had a baby boy. True to his word, the little man returned to claim the child. Overwhelmed with love for her son, the miller's daughter begged for kindness. The little man agreed to spare the child's life if she could guess his name within three days. Determined, she managed to find out his name—Rumpelstiltskin.

Miller's Daughter: "Your name is Rumpelstiltskin!"

Armed with the little man's true name, the miller's daughter confronted him. Angry that his name was discovered, Rumpelstiltskin stomped his foot so hard that the ground shook and he **disappeared** forever. From that day on, the miller's daughter and her child lived happily ever after, **appreciating** the importance of honesty, never giving up, and a mother's **unwavering** love. The end.

Discussion

1. Why did the miller tell the king that his daughter could change straw into gold?
2. How did the miller's daughter feel when the little man offered to help her?
3. Why did the king want more gold after seeing the first room filled with gold?
4. What did the little man want in exchange for helping the miller's daughter?
5. How did the miller's daughter save her child from the little man?
6. What do you think the story teaches us about telling the truth and never giving up?