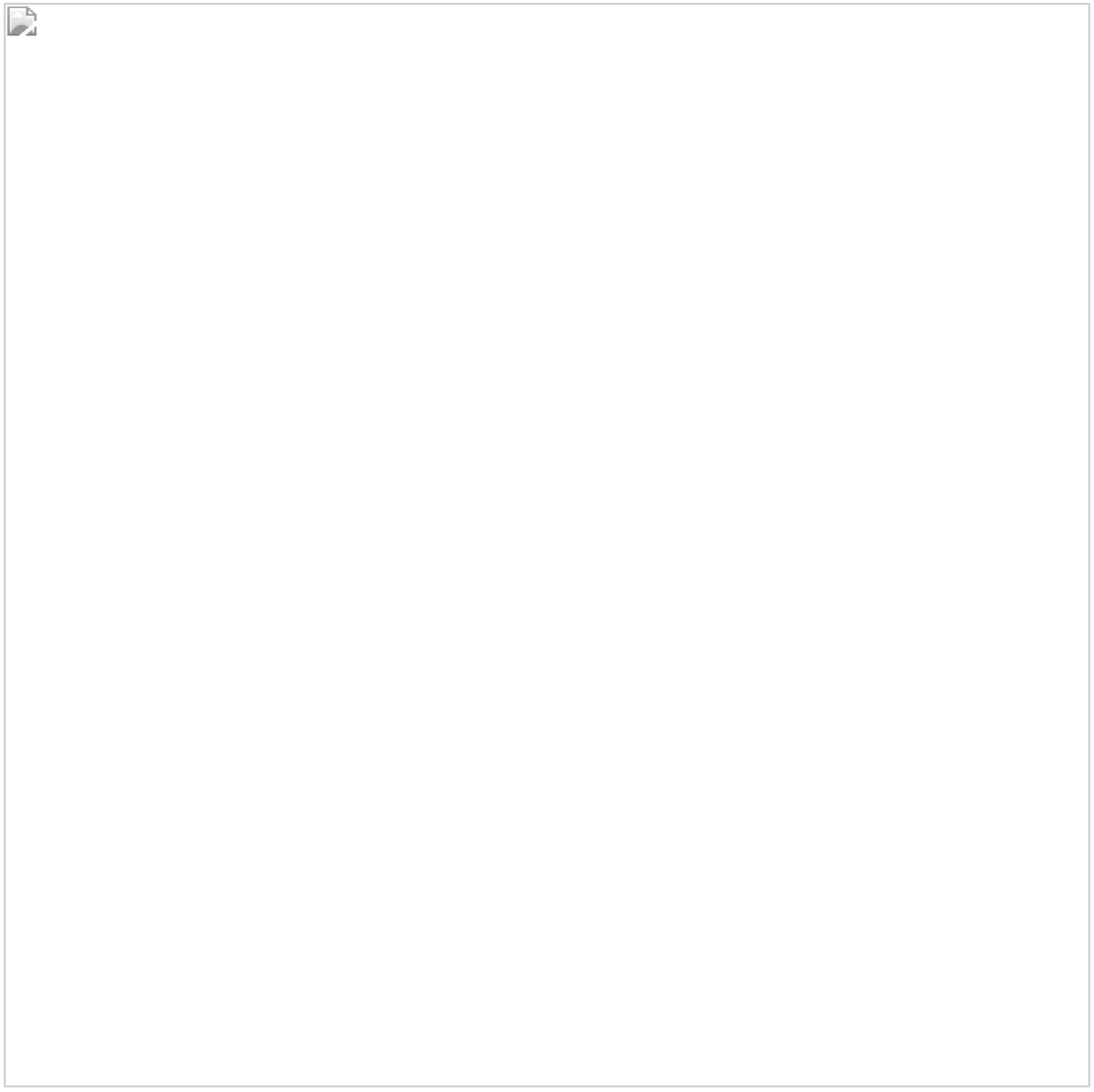
COLORING THE CLASSICS

The Adventures of Pinocchio

A Wooden Puppet, a Poor Old Father, and a Kind Heart



TALK ABOUT IT

Have you ever made a promise that was hard to keep?

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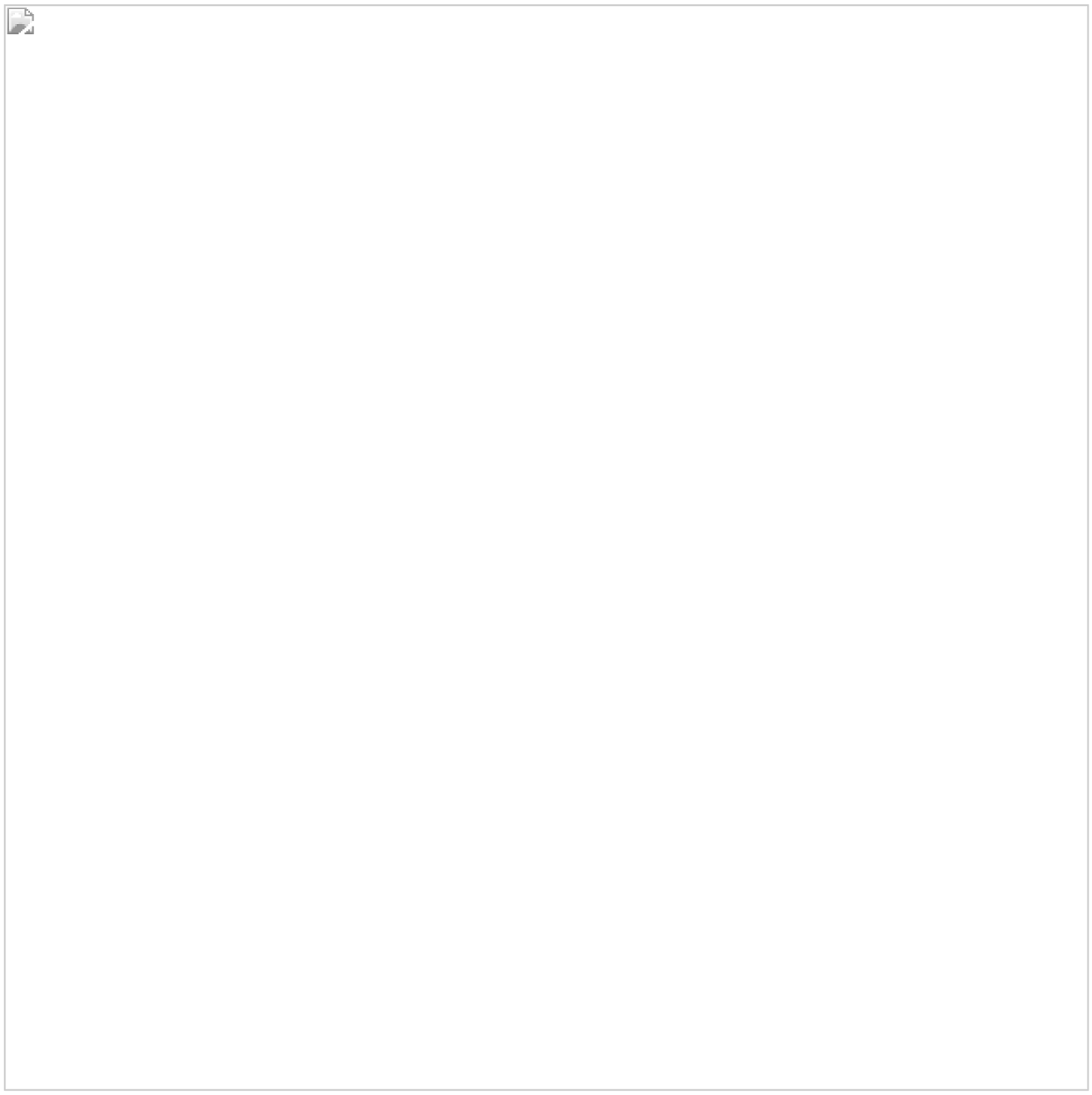
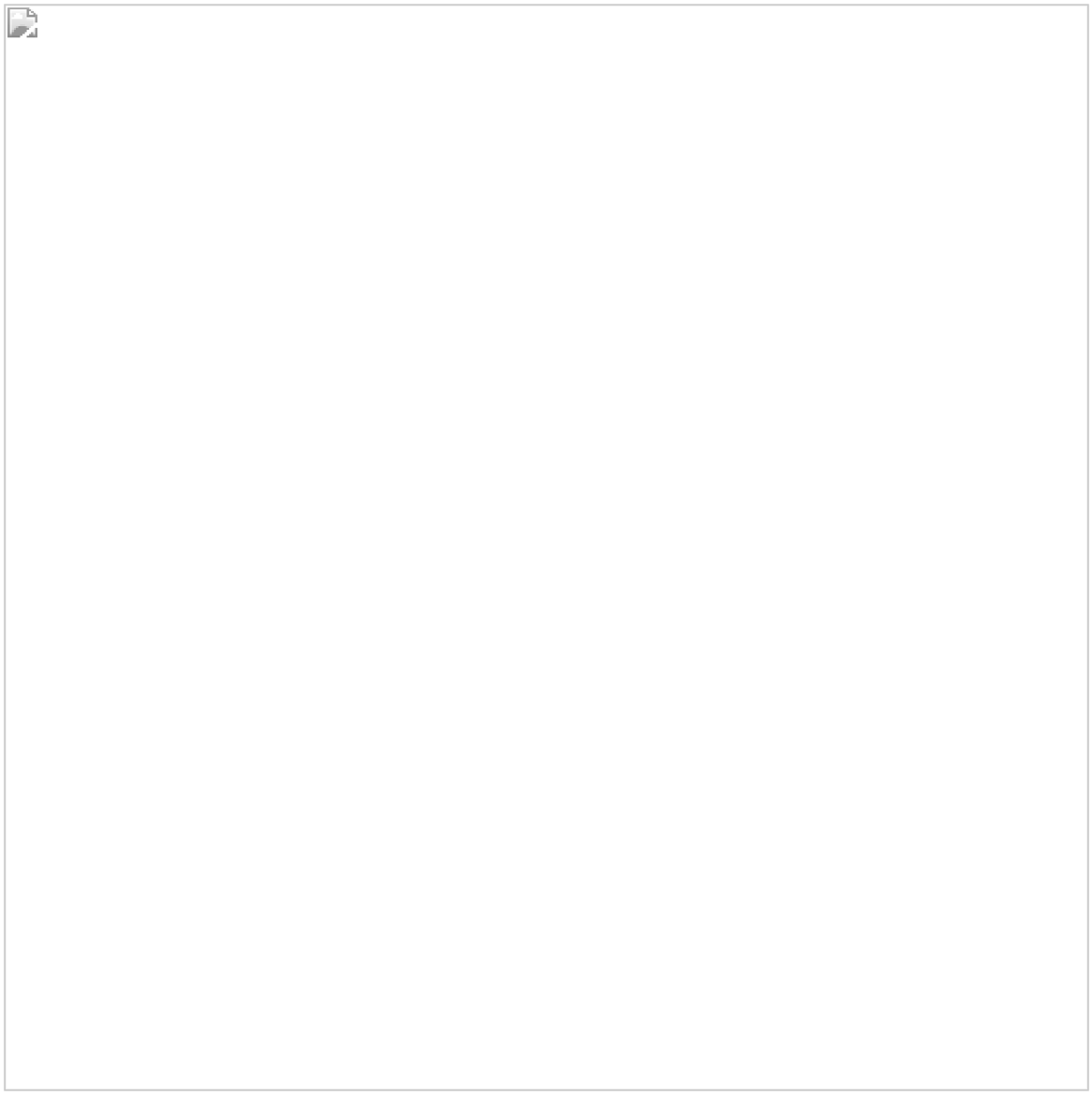
The Adventures of Pinocchio · another picture



A Piece of Wood



“Once upon a time there was a piece of wood.” Not a fancy piece of wood. Just an ordinary log, the kind you put on the fire in winter.

It lay in the shop of an old carpenter called Mastro Cherry, because the tip of his nose was round and red and shiny, just like a ripe cherry.

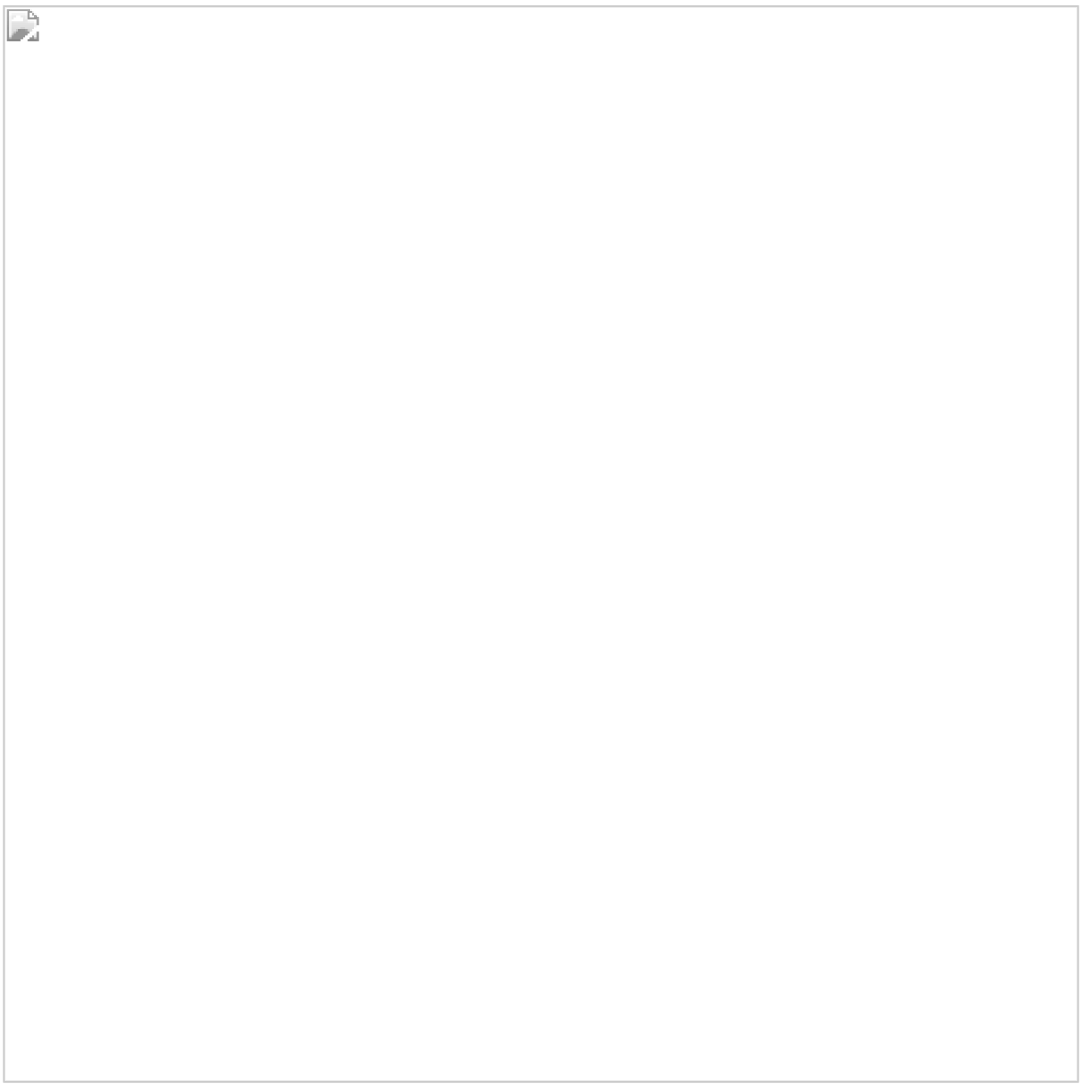
Mastro Cherry lifted his axe to make a table leg. Then a wee little voice said, “Please be careful! Do not hit me so hard!”

Mastro Cherry looked under the bench and inside the cupboard. Nobody was there. The voice was coming from the wood!

TALK ABOUT IT

If a log talked to you, what would you say back?

A Piece of Wood · another picture



Think about it

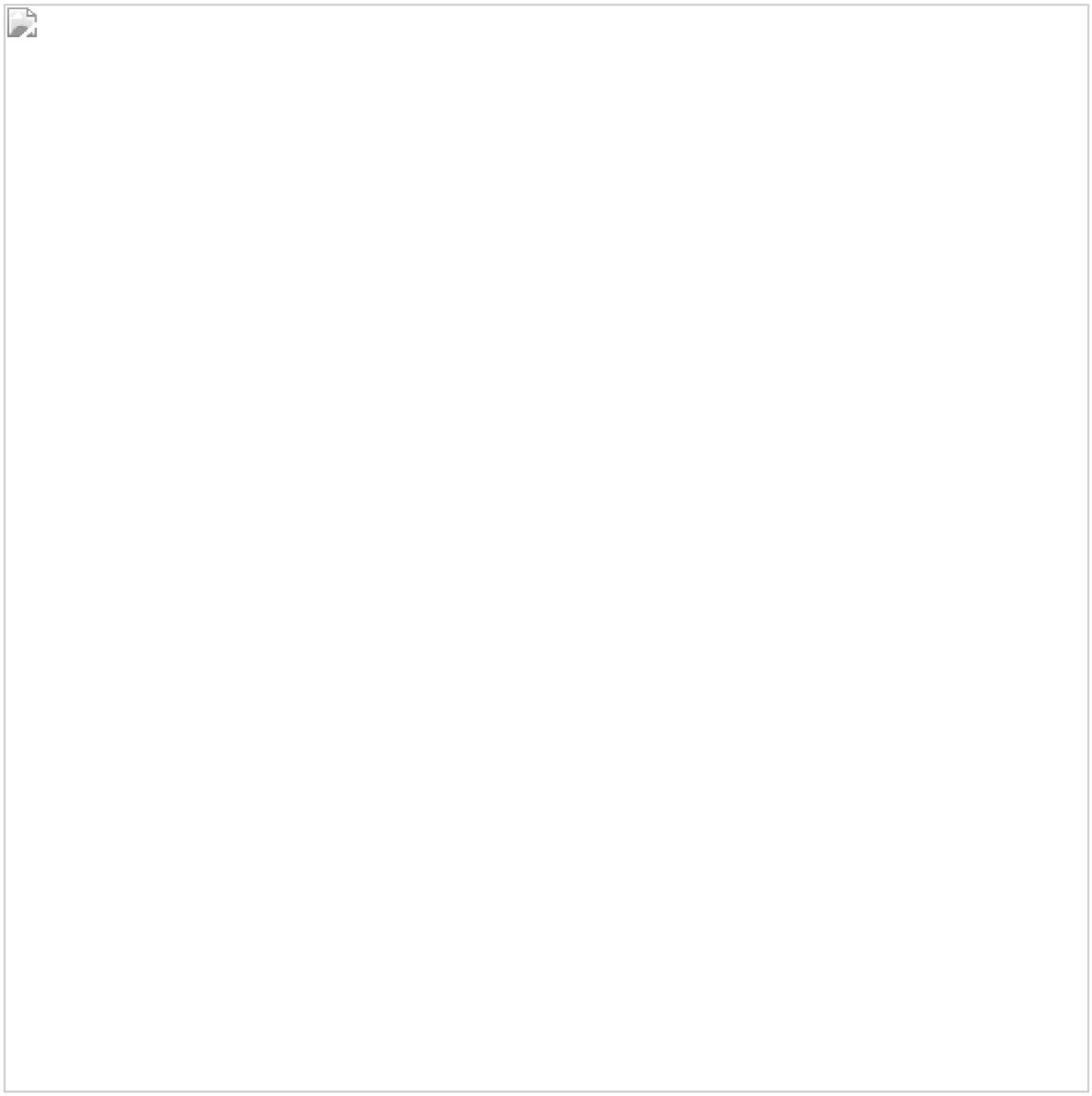
1. Why was the carpenter called Mastro Cherry?

- ○ He loved cherries
- ○ His nose was round and red like a cherry
- ○ He lived by a cherry tree

2. What was strange about the piece of wood?

- ○ It could talk
- ○ It was gold
- ○ It was a tree

Geppetto Makes a Puppet



Mastro Cherry gave the talking wood to his friend Geppetto, a poor old man in one tiny room. Geppetto wanted to carve a marionette that could dance, so he could travel the world and earn his bread.

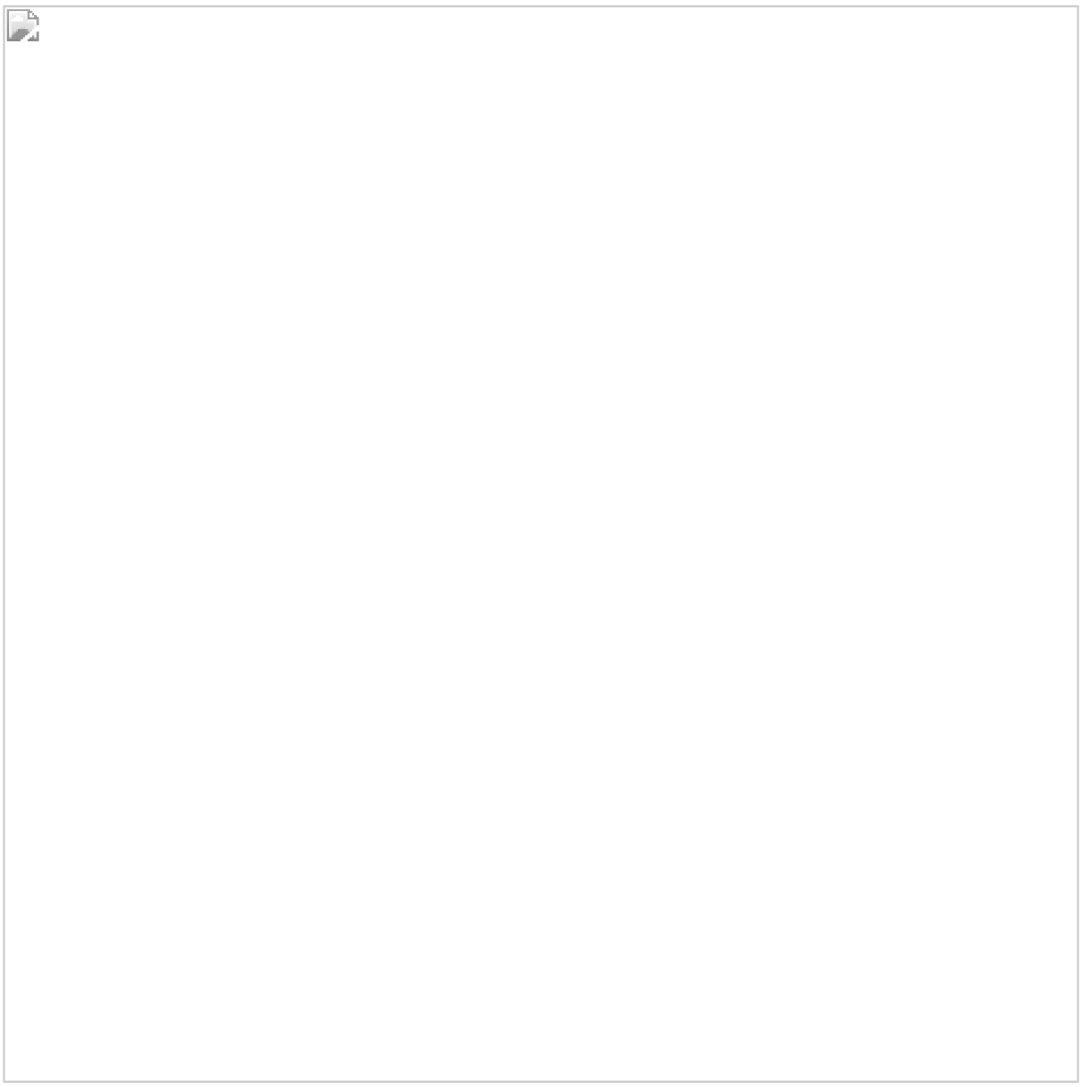
He named him Pinocchio. He carved the eyes, and they stared at him. He carved the nose, and it grew and grew. He carved the mouth, and it laughed and stuck out its tongue. He carved the hands, and they pulled off Geppetto's yellow wig!

As soon as Pinocchio had feet, he kicked Geppetto on the nose and ran out the door and down the street.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio was brand new and didn't know how to be kind yet. How do we learn to be kind?

Geppetto Makes a Puppet · another picture



Think about it

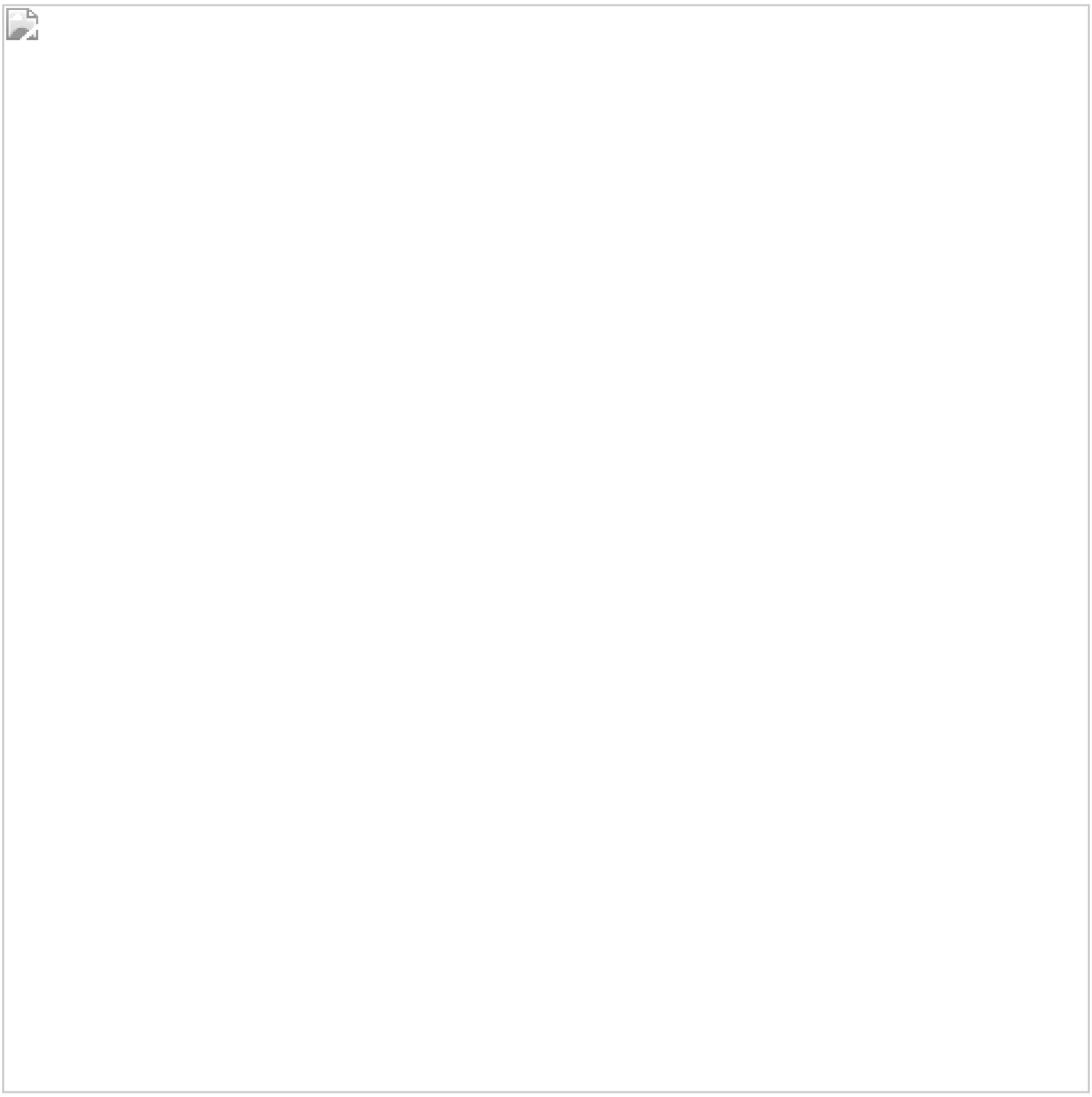
1. Why did Geppetto want to make a puppet?

- ○ To dance and earn his bread
- ○ To scare the neighbors
- ○ To burn in the fire

2. What did Pinocchio do as soon as he had feet?

- ○ He danced for Geppetto
- ○ He ran out the door
- ○ He went to sleep

The Talking Cricket



A policeman caught Pinocchio by his long nose. But Pinocchio lay in the road and made such a fuss that people thought Geppetto was cruel to him, and the policeman took Geppetto away instead!

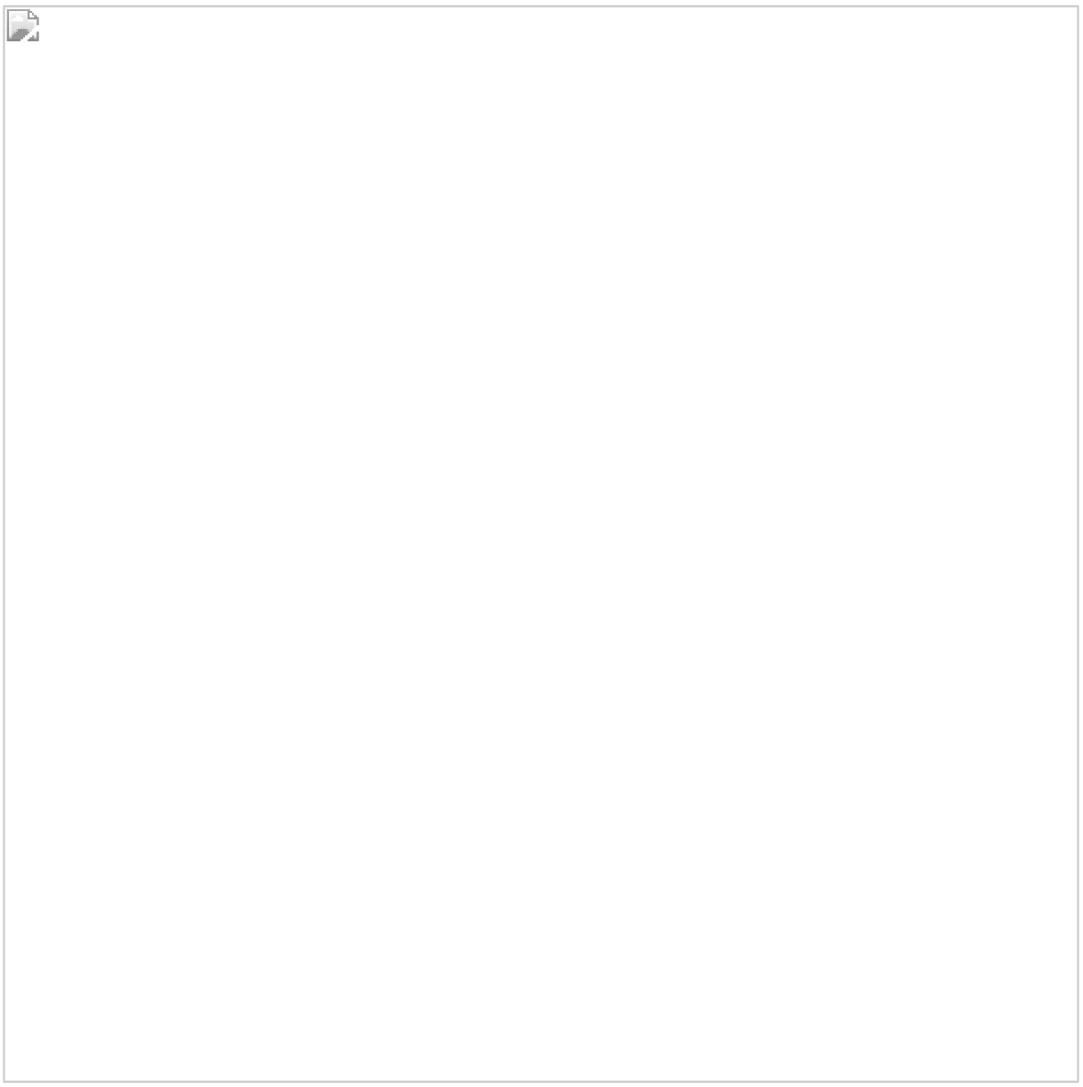
Pinocchio ran home alone. On the wall he heard “Cri-cri-cri!” It was a large cricket. “I am the Talking Cricket and I have been living in this room for more than one hundred years.”

The Cricket warned that children who run away from their fathers and won’t learn come to sad ends. Pinocchio threw a wooden hammer at him. The Cricket fell, and the room went quiet.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Cricket told Pinocchio something true that he didn’t want to hear. Is it hard to listen to a friend who says “Stop”?

The Talking Cricket · another picture



Think about it

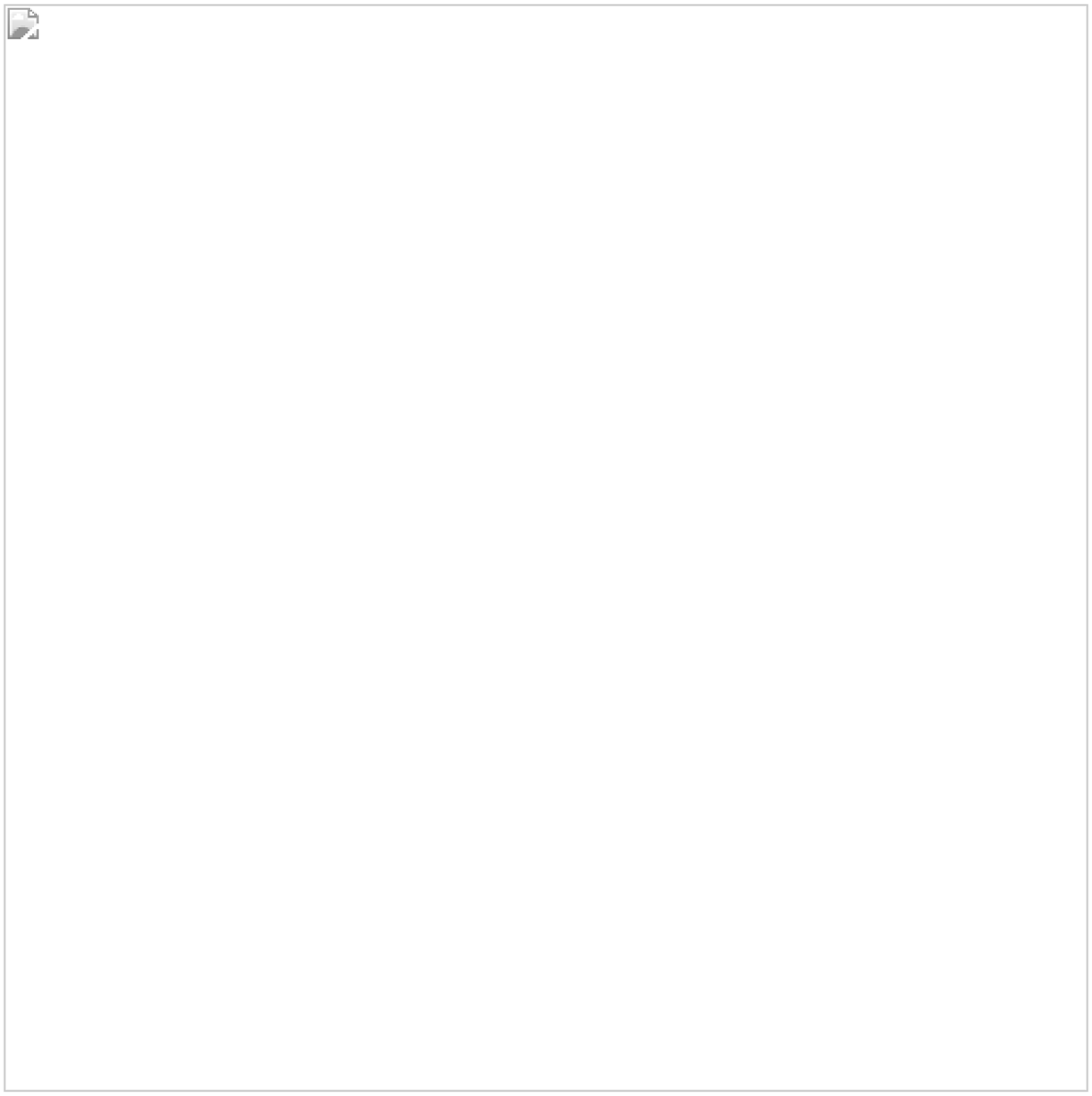
1. Who went to jail when Pinocchio ran away?

- ○ Pinocchio
- ○ Geppetto
- ○ Mastro Cherry

2. How long had the Talking Cricket lived in the room?

- ○ One day
- ○ More than one hundred years
- ○ Ten years

A Cold, Hungry Night



Night came. Pinocchio was hungry, and the cupboard was empty. He found an egg, but when he cracked it, a little chick hopped out, said “Thank you,” and flew out the window!

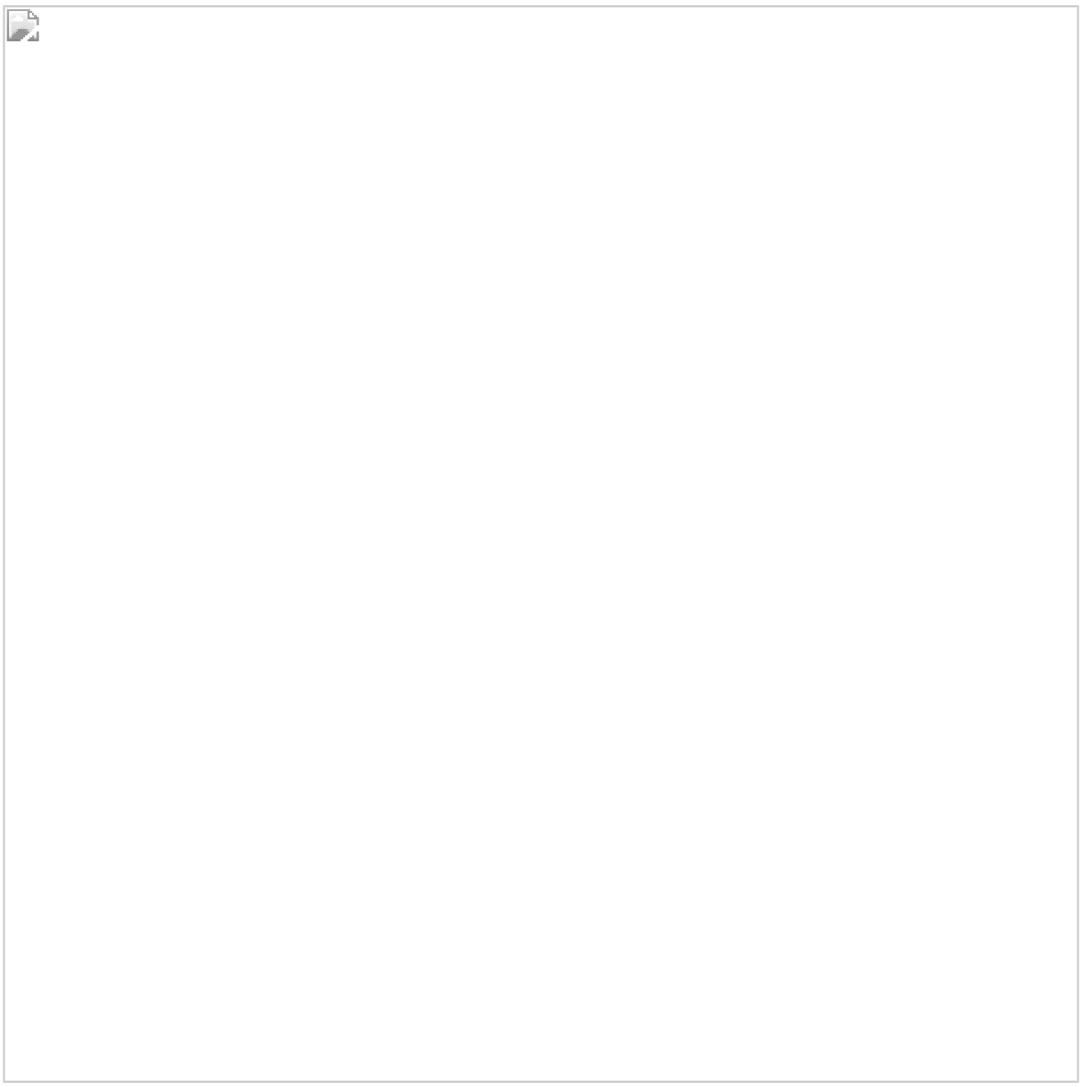
He went out into the rain to beg for bread, and a man poured cold water on his head. Wet and tired, he sat by the stove, put his feet up to dry, and fell asleep.

His wooden feet were too close to the fire. By morning they had burned away to ashes!

Then came a knock at the door. “It is I,” said a voice. It was Geppetto, home at last.

TALK ABOUT IT

Who would you want to hear knocking at the door after a long, hard night?



Think about it

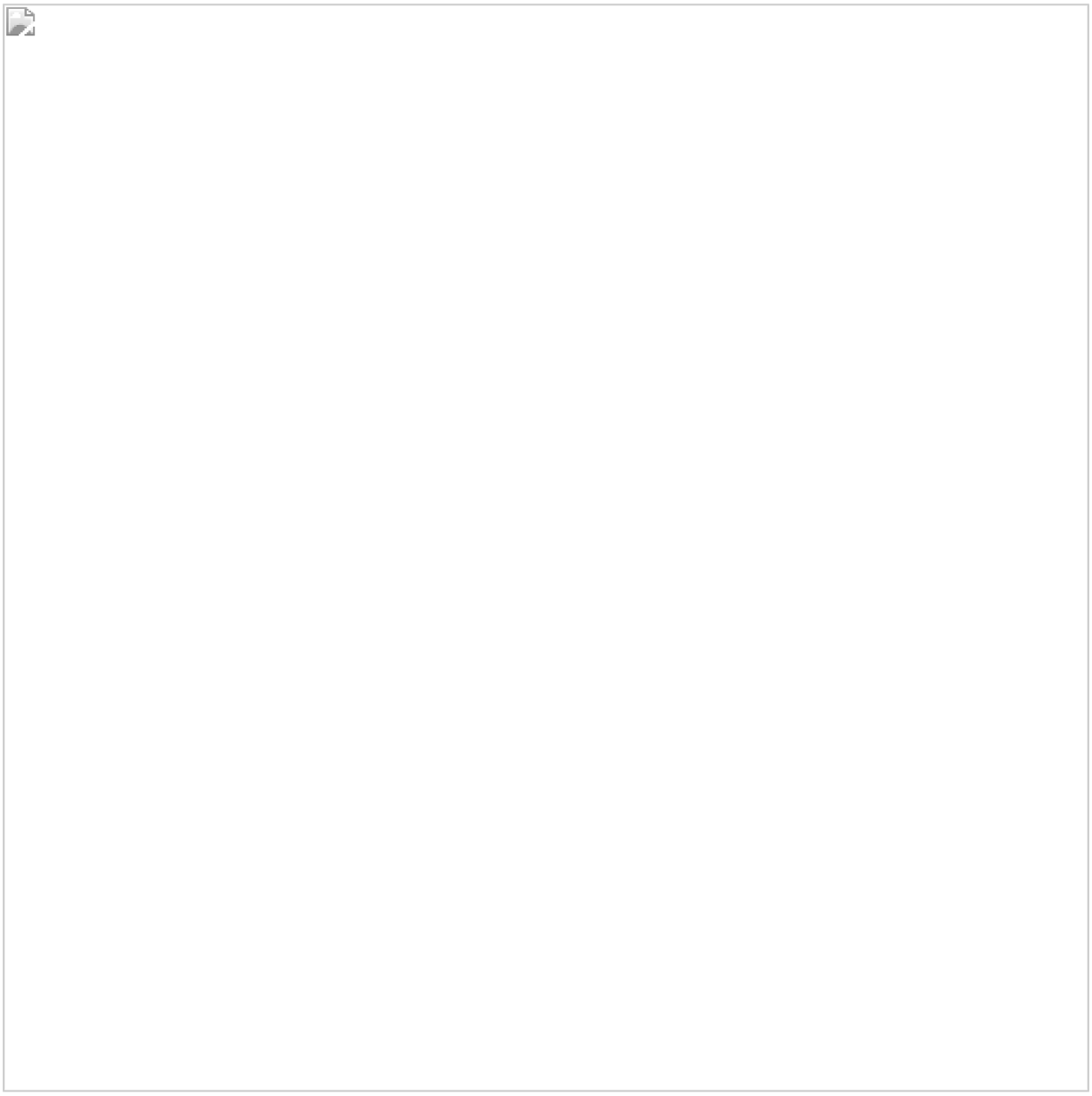
1. What came out of the egg?

- ○ A little chick
- ○ A golden coin
- ○ Nothing

2. What happened to Pinocchio's wooden feet?

- ○ They burned away by the stove
- ○ They grew roots
- ○ They ran off

Three Pears



Geppetto saw how hungry Pinocchio was. He pulled three pears from his pocket. “These three pears were for my breakfast, but I give them to you gladly.”

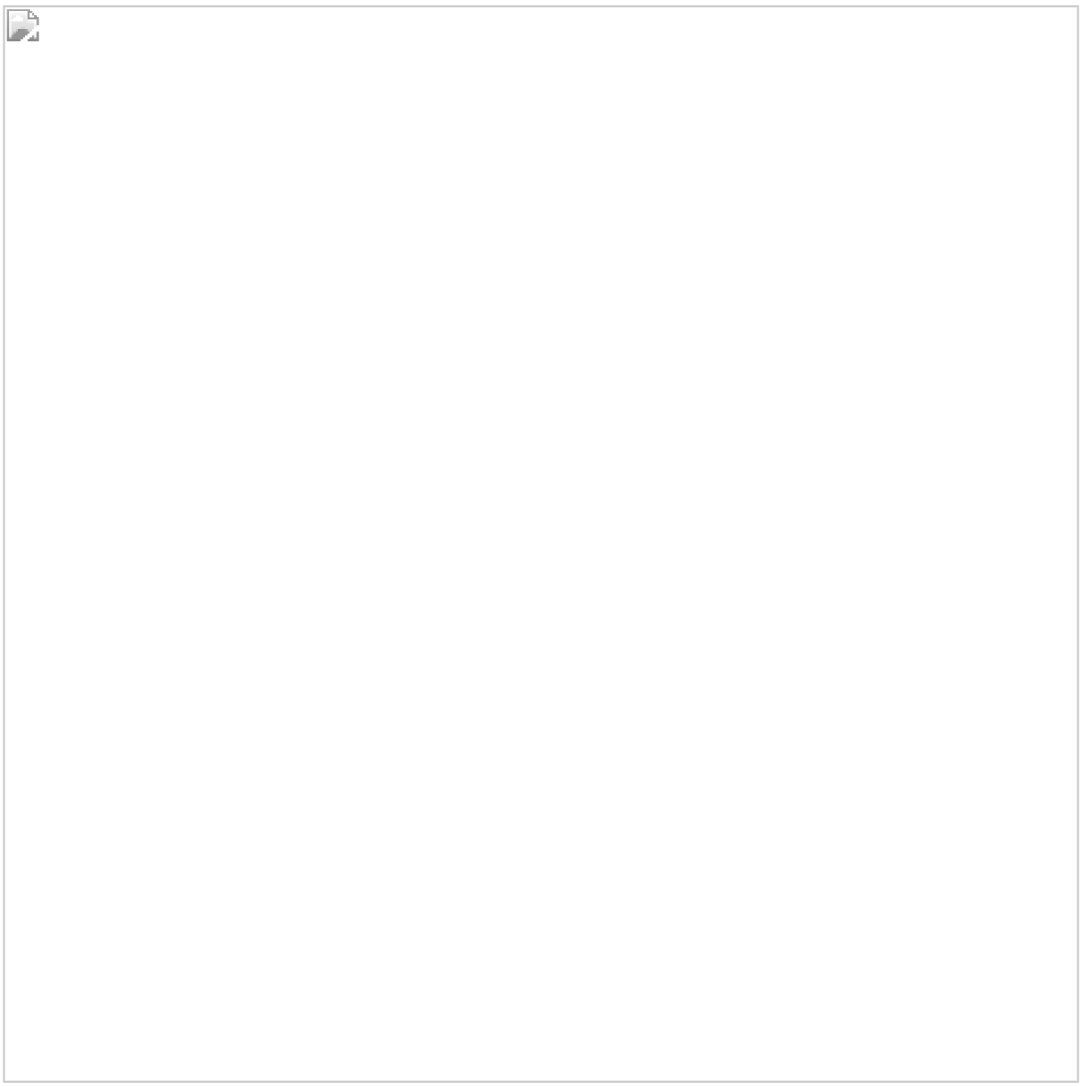
Pinocchio wanted them peeled, and he would not eat the cores or skins. So Geppetto peeled them and saved the skins and cores anyway. Soon Pinocchio was hungry again, and he ate every bit of them, cores and all!

Then Geppetto carved him two brand new feet. “I promise to go to school,” said Pinocchio, “and to be good.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Geppetto gave away his own breakfast. Who gives things up so you can have what you need?

Three Pears · another picture

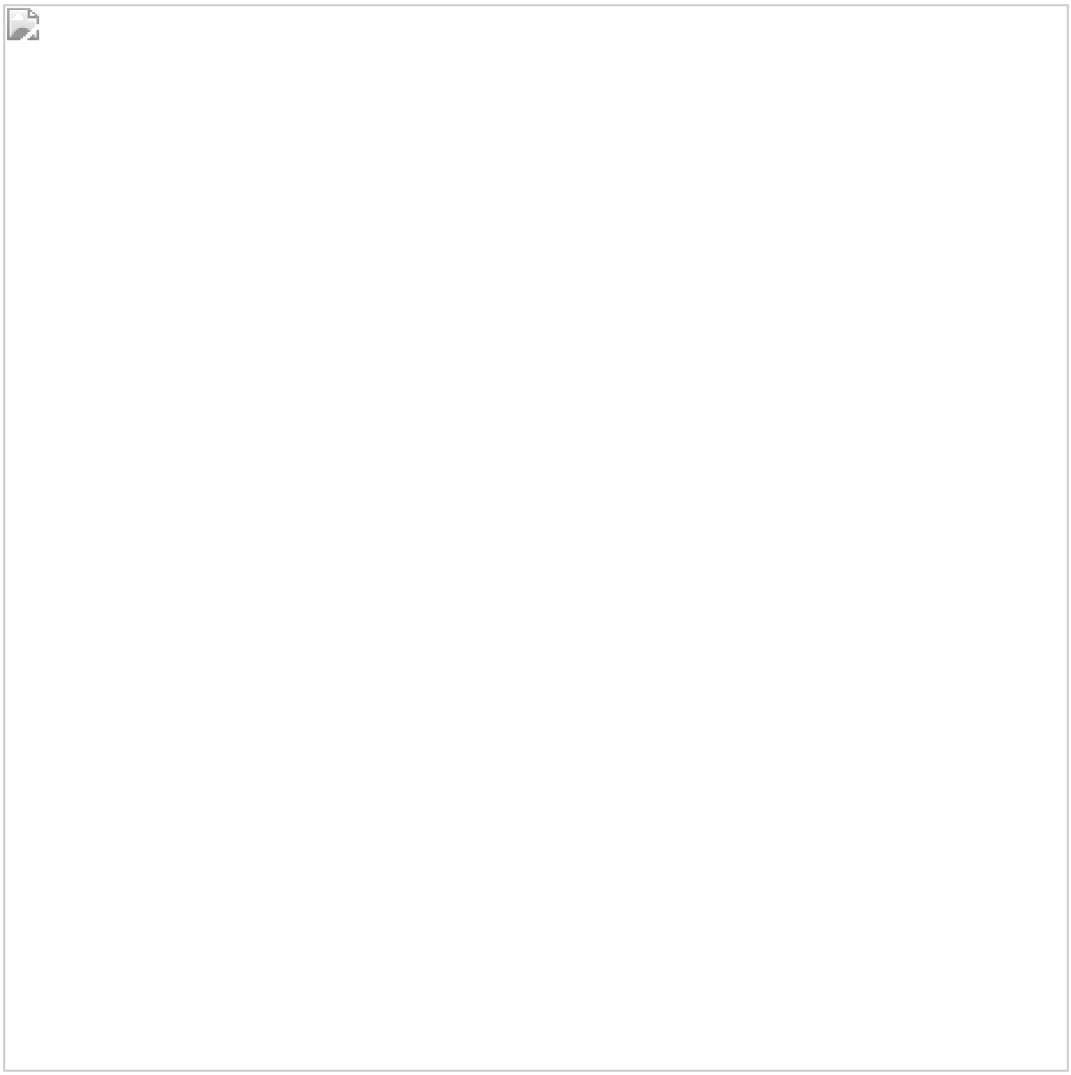


Think about it

1. Whose breakfast were the three pears?

- ○ Geppetto's
- ○ Mastro Cherry's
- ○ The Cricket's

Geppetto's Coat



To go to school, Pinocchio needed an A-B-C book. But Geppetto had no money at all.

So Geppetto put on his old coat, full of patches, and went out into the snow. When he came back, he had the A-B-C book in his hands, and he was in his shirt sleeves, shivering.

"Where's your coat, Father?"

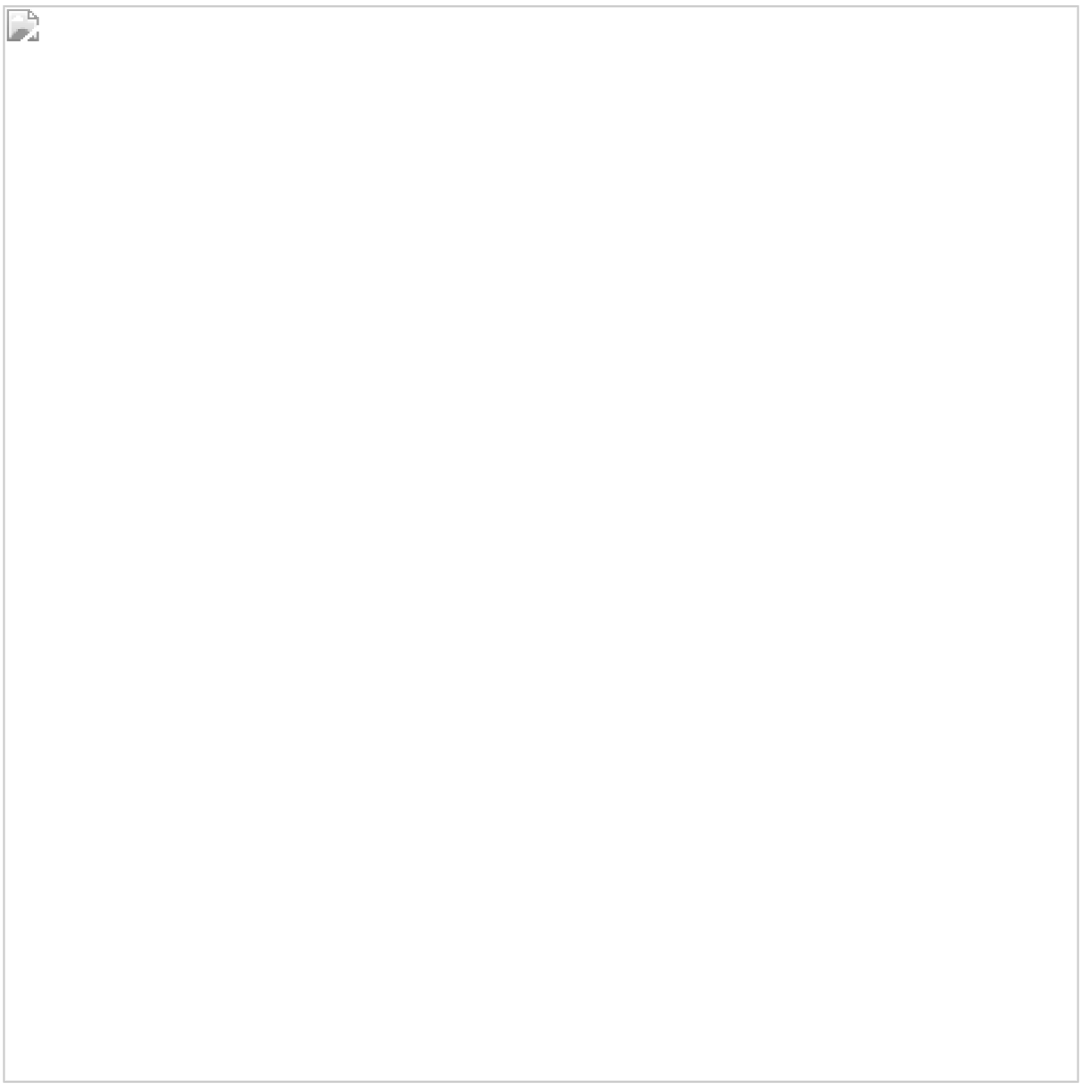
"I have sold it."

Pinocchio understood. He threw his arms around Geppetto's neck and kissed him again and again.

TALK ABOUT IT

Geppetto sold his only coat on a cold day. What does that tell you about how he loved Pinocchio?

Geppetto's Coat · another picture

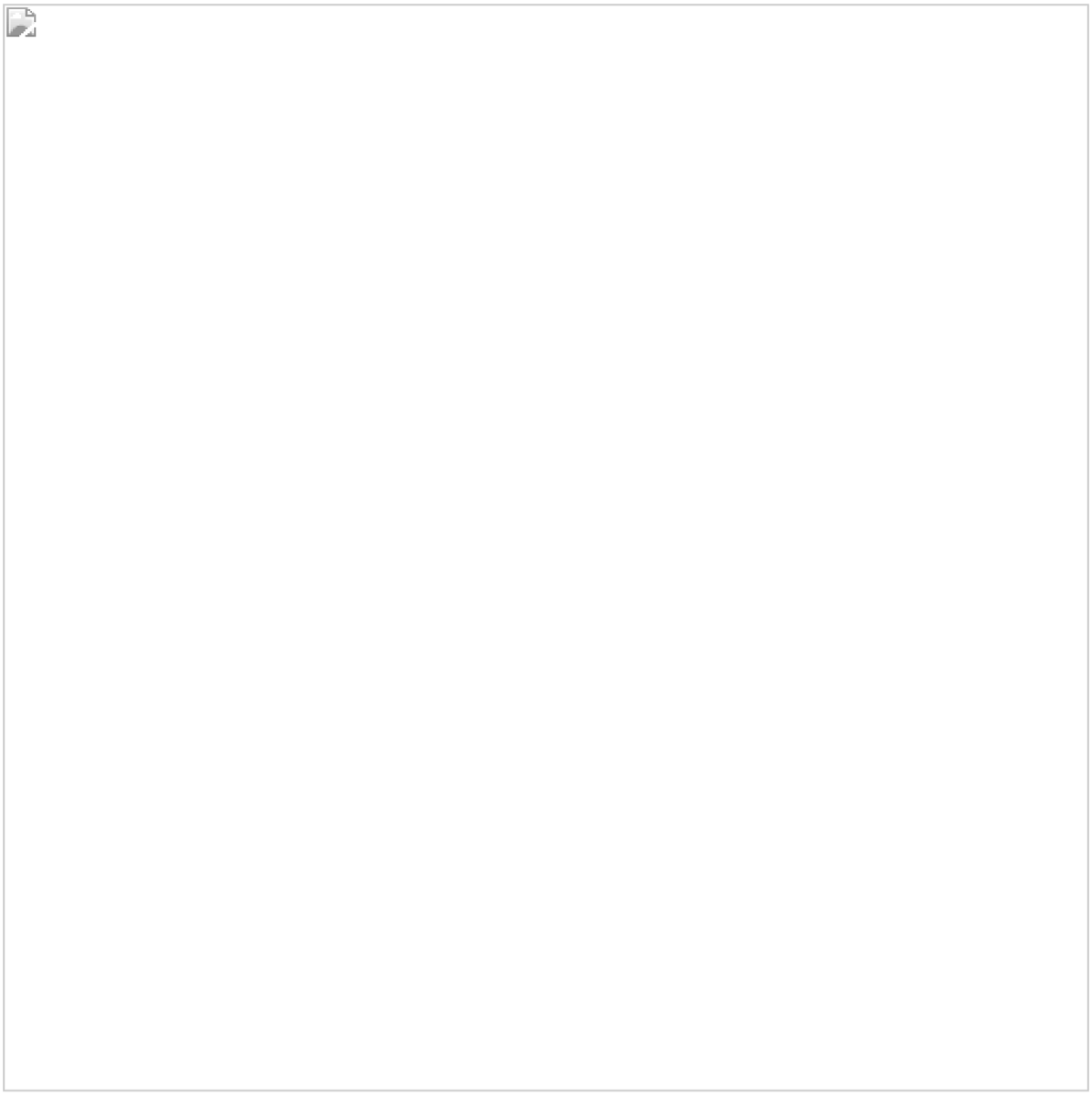


Think about it

1. How did Geppetto pay for the A-B-C book?

- ○ He sold his coat
- ○ He found money
- ○ He borrowed it

The Puppet Show



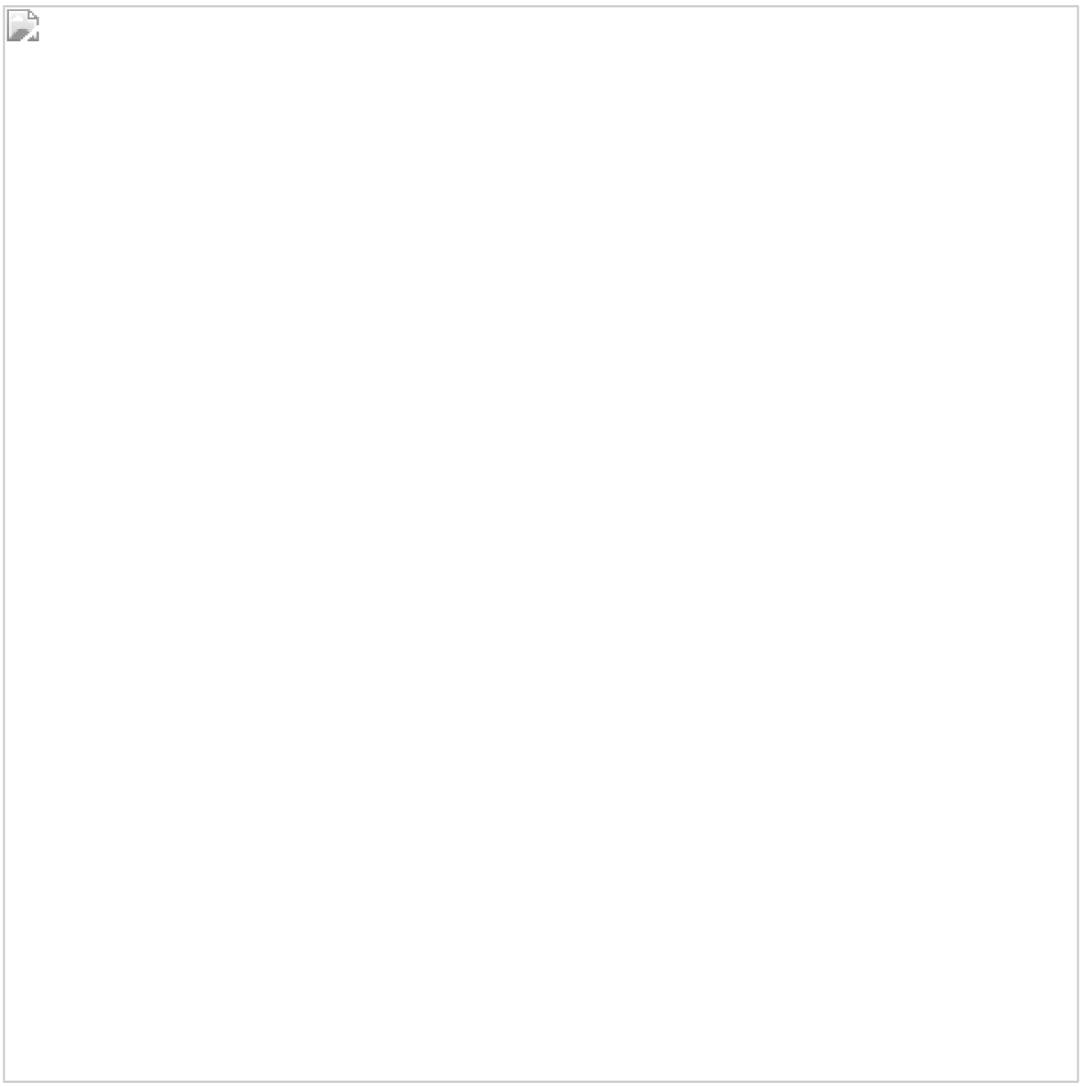
The next morning Pinocchio set off for school with his new book. But on the way he heard music, fifes and a big drum. It was a puppet theater!

A ticket cost four pennies, and Pinocchio had none. So he sold his A-B-C book, the one Geppetto had given his coat for, and went inside.

On the stage, the puppets Harlequin and Pulcinella saw him and shouted, “It is Pinocchio! It is our brother!” They pulled him up on stage, and everyone danced and hugged, and the show stopped completely.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio sold the book Geppetto gave his coat for. If you could talk to Pinocchio right then, what would you say?

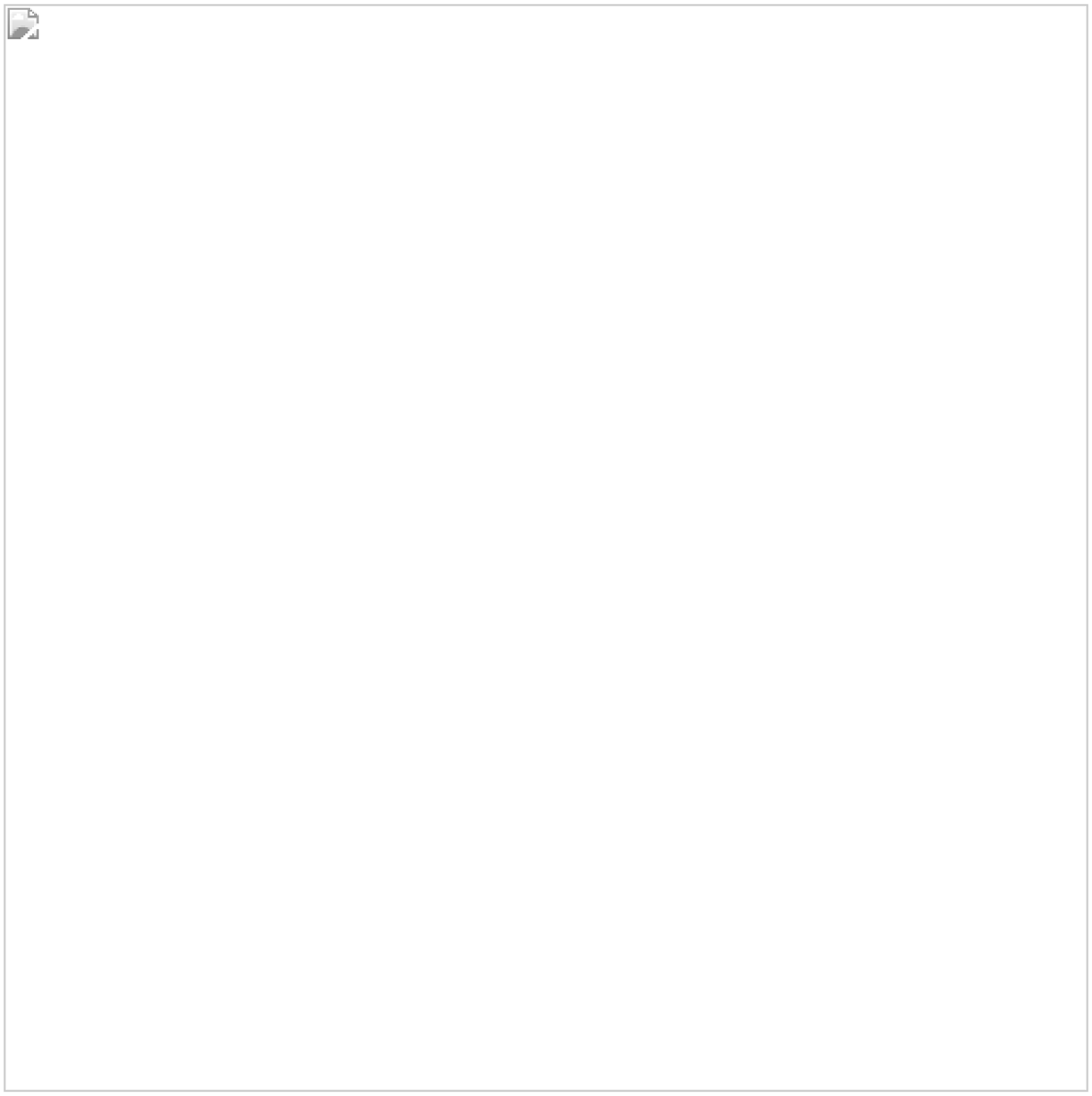


Think about it

1. What did Pinocchio sell to buy a ticket?

- ○ His shoes
- ○ His A-B-C book
- ○ His hat

Fire Eater Sneezes



Out came the theater's owner, Fire Eater, a giant with a black beard down to his feet and eyes like red-hot coals. He was angry that his show had stopped.

He needed wood for his fire, and said Pinocchio would do. Then he chose Harlequin instead.

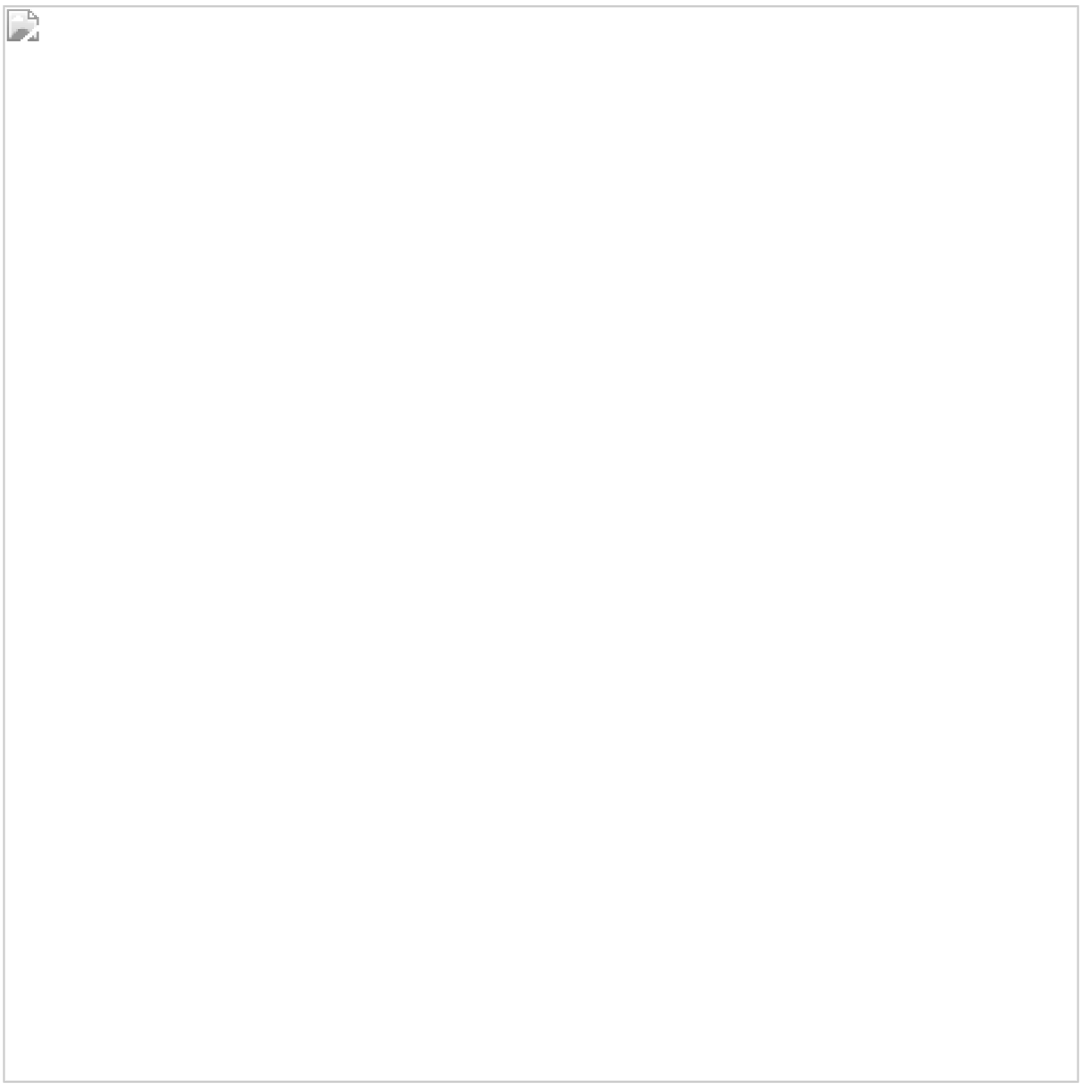
"No!" cried Pinocchio. Poor Harlequin was "the best friend that I have in the world." Pinocchio would go instead.

Fire Eater began to sneeze, as he did when his heart grew soft. "You are a brave boy! Come to my arms and kiss me!" Pinocchio climbed his long beard and kissed him on the tip of the nose.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio stood up for his friend. Have you ever stood up for someone?

Fire Eater Sneezes · another picture



Think about it

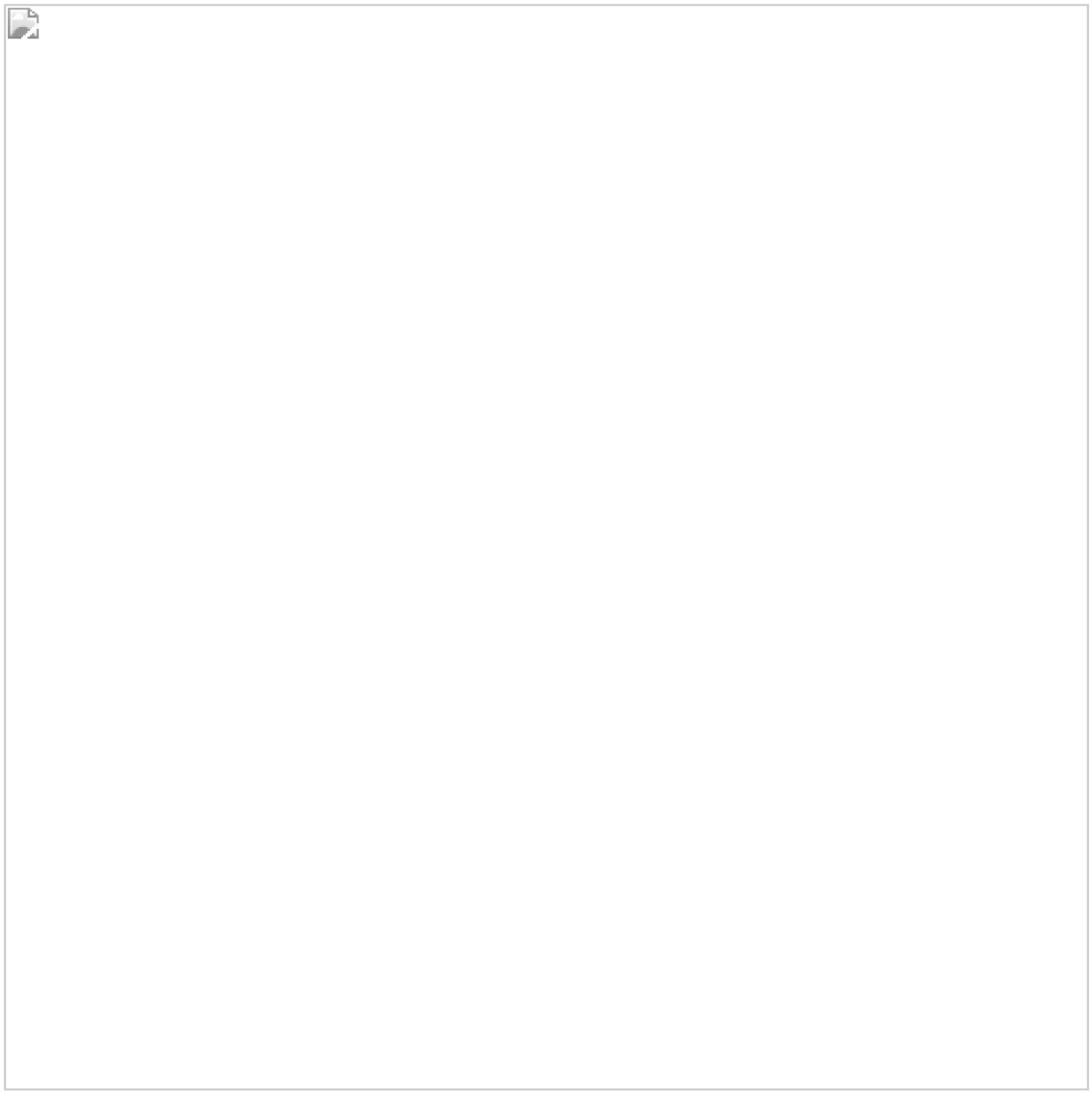
1. What did Fire Eater do when his heart grew soft?

- ○ He sneezed
- ○ He sang
- ○ He shouted

2. Why did Fire Eater change his mind?

- ○ Pinocchio offered to take Harlequin's place
- ○ He got tired
- ○ Geppetto paid him

The Fox and the Cat



Fire Eater gave Pinocchio five gold pieces to take home to Geppetto, so he could buy a new coat. Off Pinocchio went.

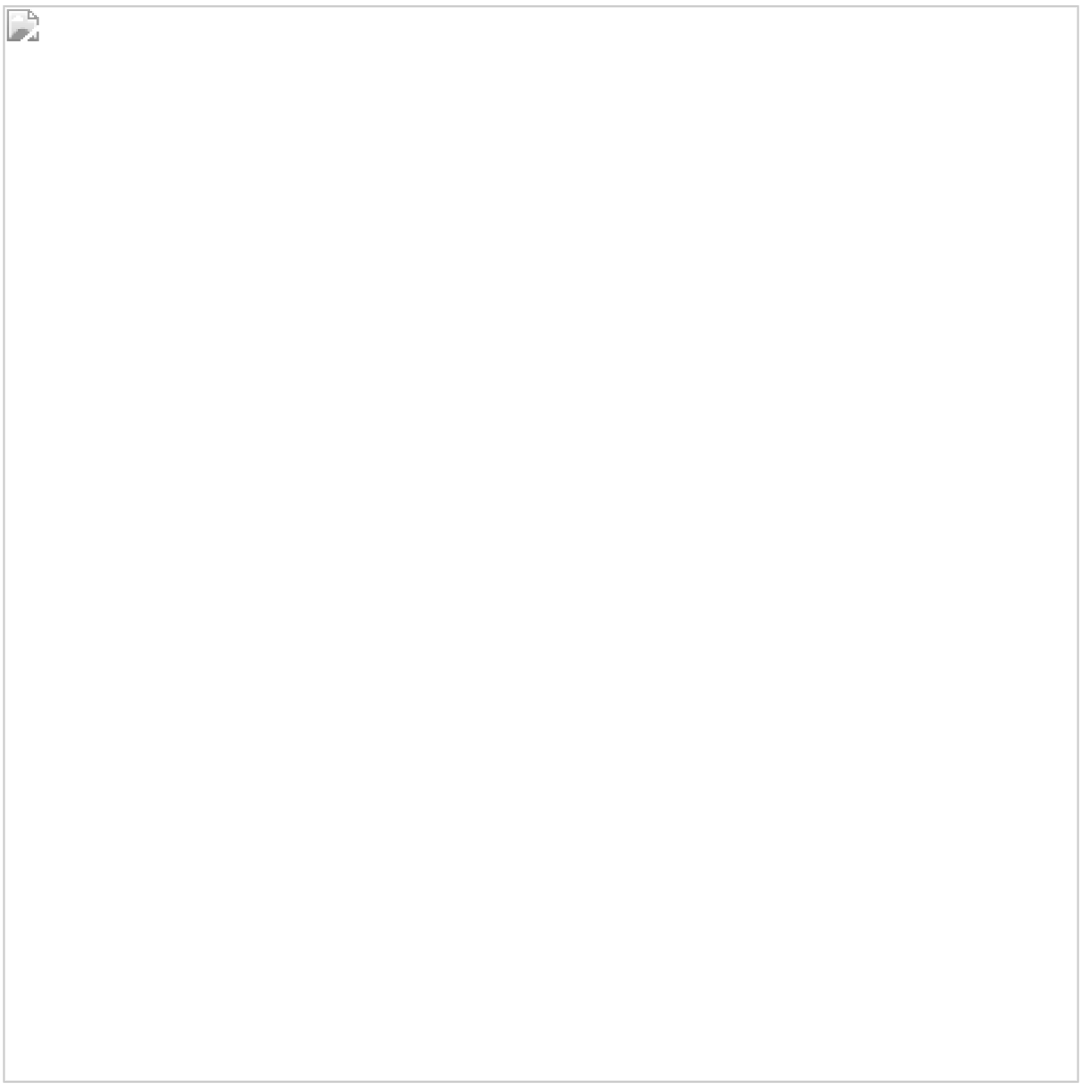
On the road he met a Fox who pretended to be lame and a Cat who pretended to be blind, leaning on each other.

“Do you want to turn your five gold pieces into thousands?” said the Fox. “There is a Field of Wonders. You plant your money there, and the next day a tree grows, covered with gold coins!”

Pinocchio forgot all about Geppetto’s coat and followed them.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Fox and Cat promised something too good to be true. How can you tell when a promise is a trick?



Think about it

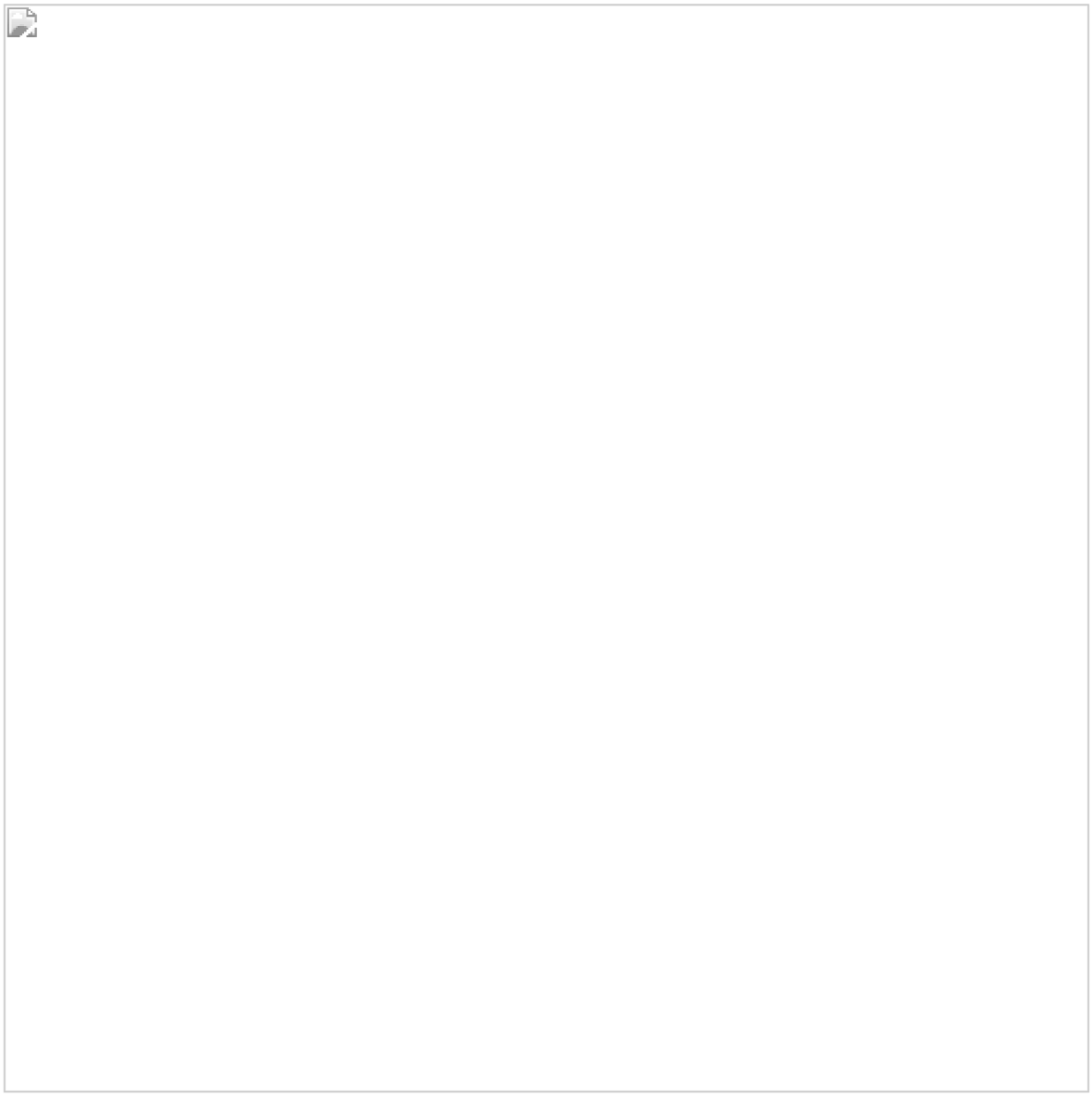
1. What were the five gold pieces meant for?

- ○ Candy
- ○ Geppetto's new coat
- ○ A new puppet show

2. Was the Fox really lame and the Cat really blind?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No, they were pretending

The Fairy with Azure Hair



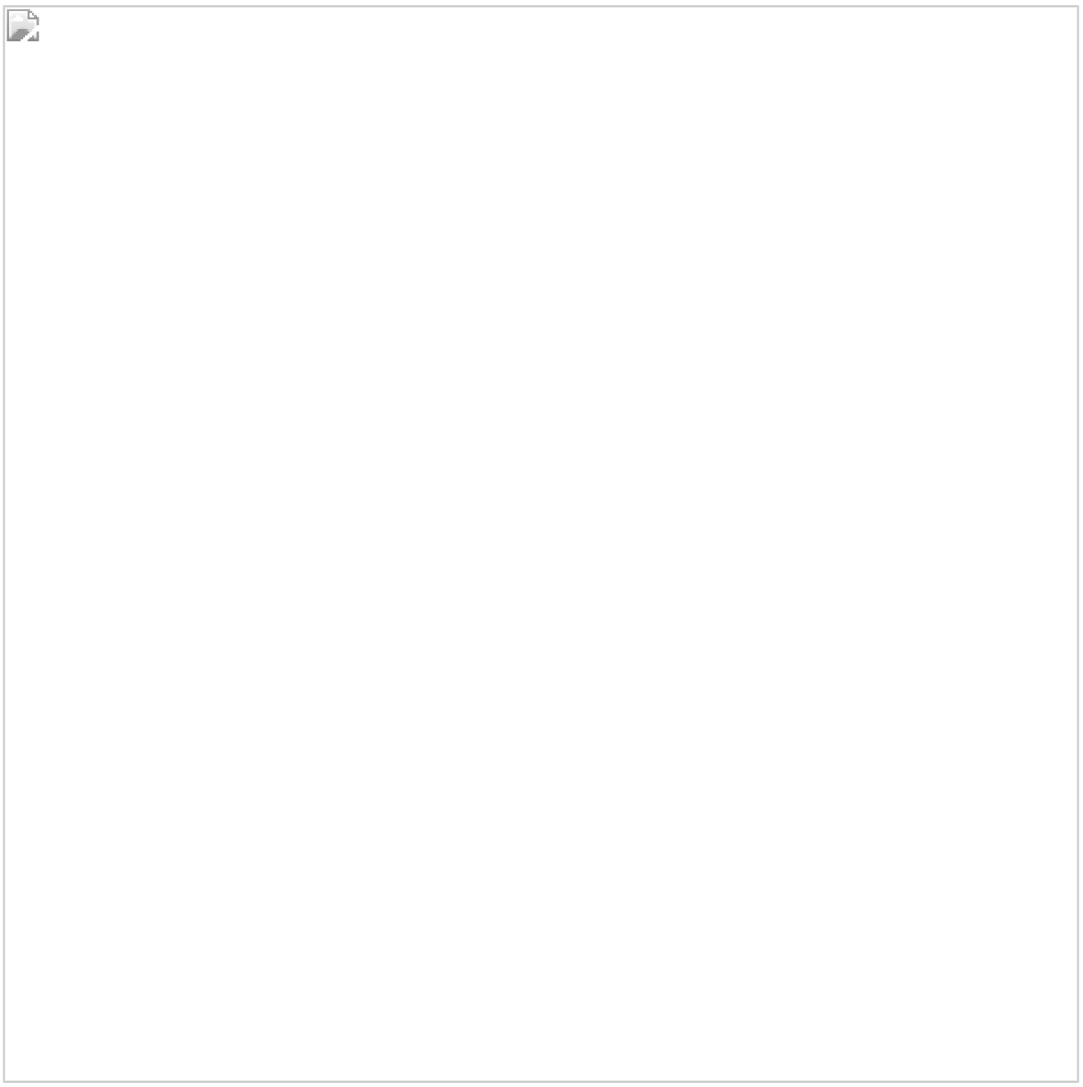
That night, robbers in black sacks chased Pinocchio through a dark wood. He ran and ran, with his gold pieces hidden under his tongue, until he could not run any more.

A Fairy found him and took him into her little house. She had hair the color of the sky, azure blue, and she was very kind.

She sent for three doctors: a Crow, an Owl, and the Talking Cricket, who was alive after all! The medicine was bitter, and Pinocchio made a terrible fuss, but at last he drank it, and soon he was well.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Fairy took in a puppet she didn't know. Who takes care of you when you are sick?



Think about it

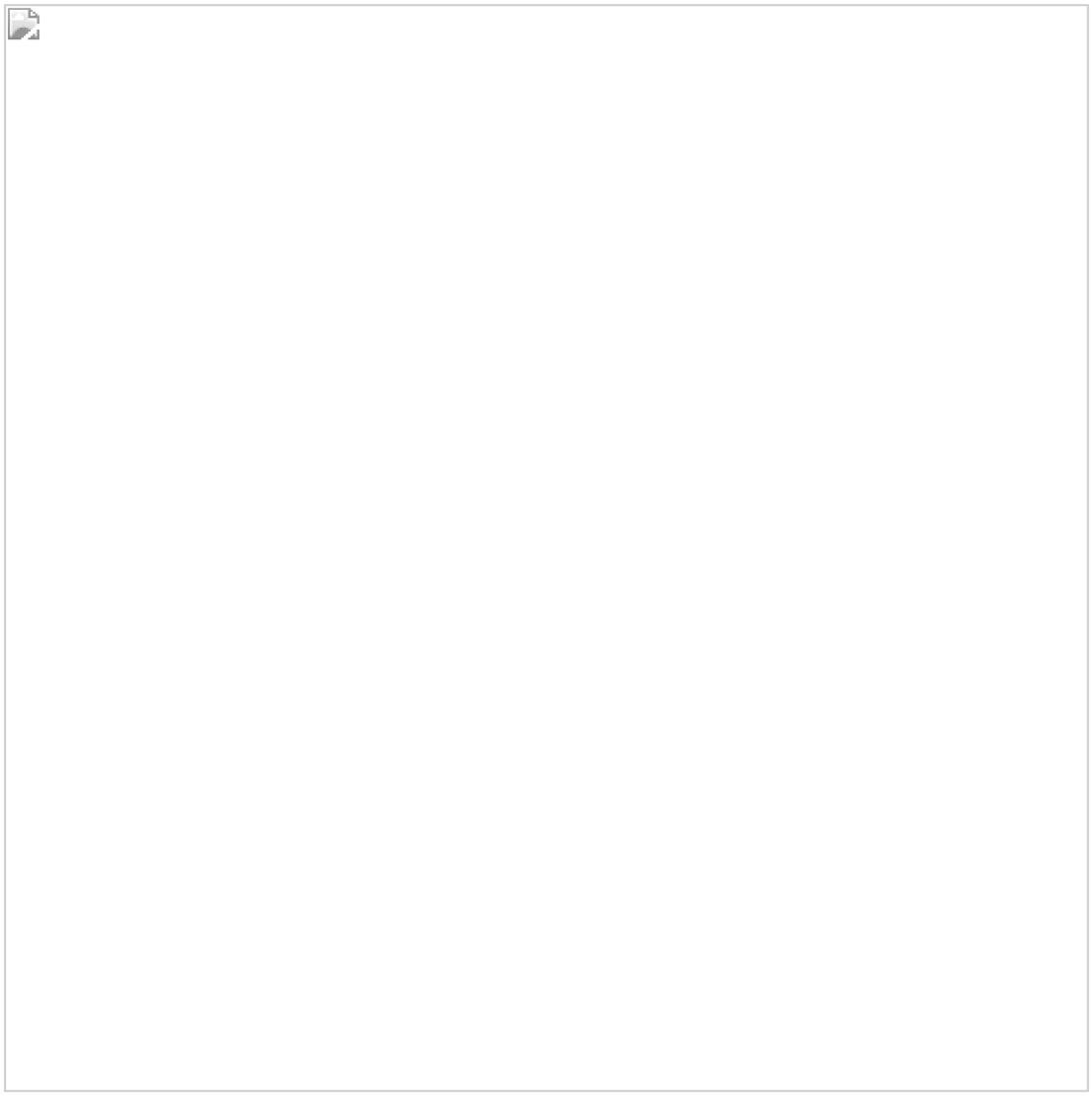
1. What color was the Fairy's hair?

- ○ Azure, the blue of the sky
- ○ Gold
- ○ Red

2. Who was one of the three doctors?

- ○ The Talking Cricket
- ○ Fire Eater
- ○ The Fox

The Growing Nose



“Where are your gold pieces?” asked the Fairy.

“I lost them,” said Pinocchio. But they were in his pocket. And as he said it, his nose grew longer.

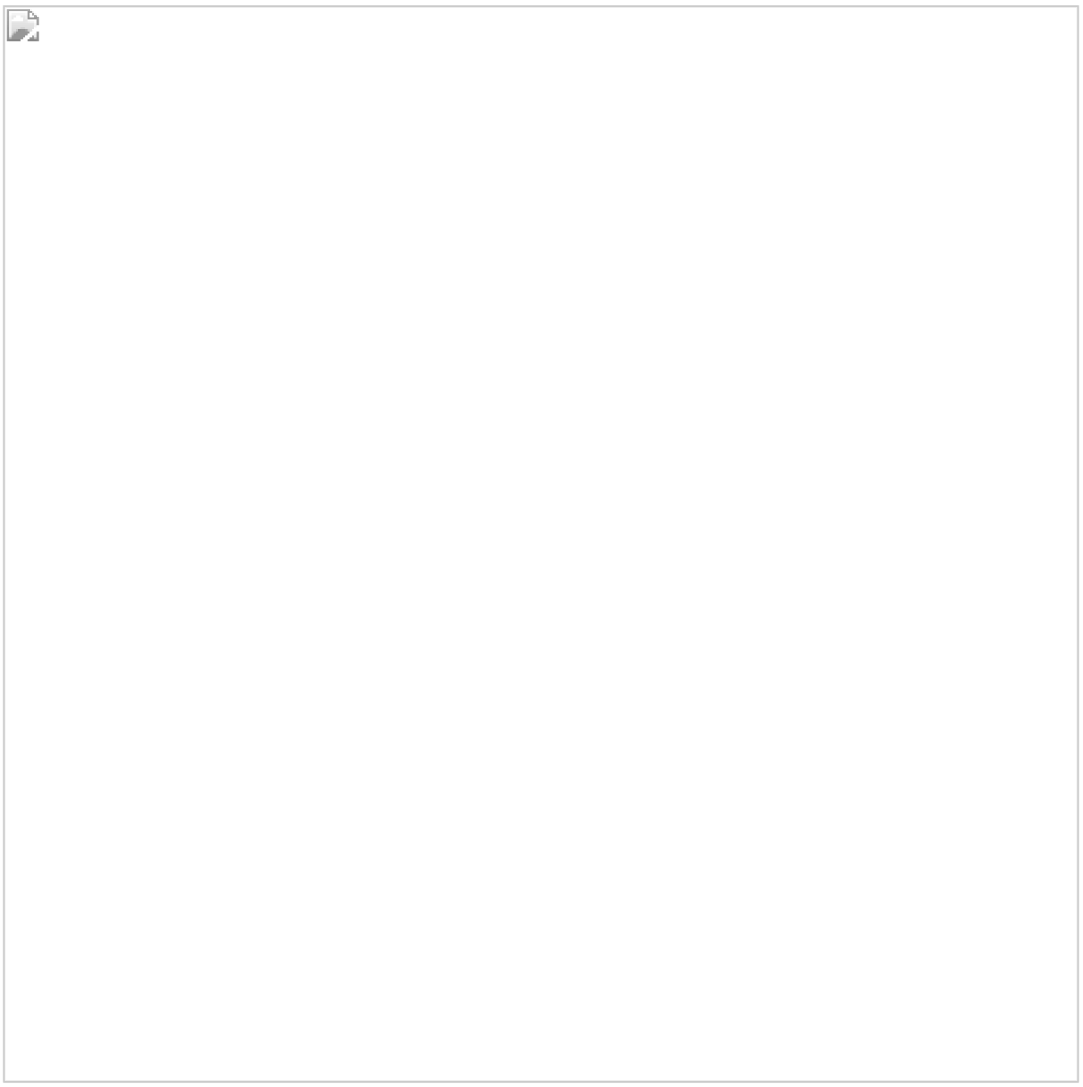
“Where did you lose them?” “In the wood.” His nose grew longer still. Soon it was so long he could not turn around in the room without bumping the walls!

The Fairy laughed. “There are two kinds of lies, lies with short legs and lies with long noses. Yours, just now, happen to have long noses.”

She called a flock of woodpeckers, and they pecked his nose back down to its usual size.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think telling the truth matters, even when a lie seems easier?



Think about it

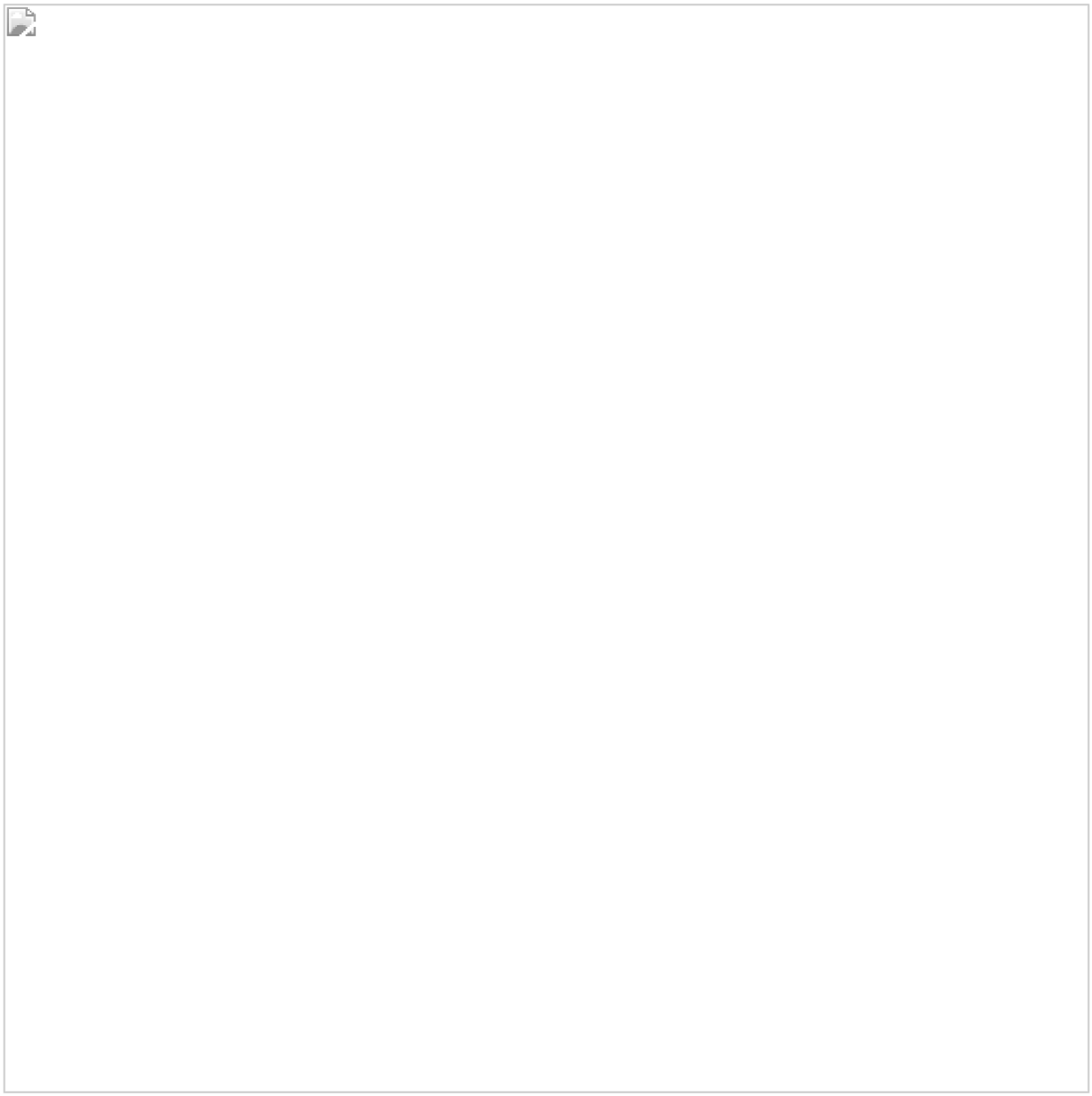
1. What happened when Pinocchio told a lie?

- ○ His nose grew
- ○ His ears grew
- ○ He turned green

2. Who made his nose short again?

- ○ Woodpeckers
- ○ Geppetto
- ○ The Cat

The Field of Wonders



Pinocchio set out to find Geppetto. But on the road he met the Fox and the Cat again, and they led him to the Field of Wonders.

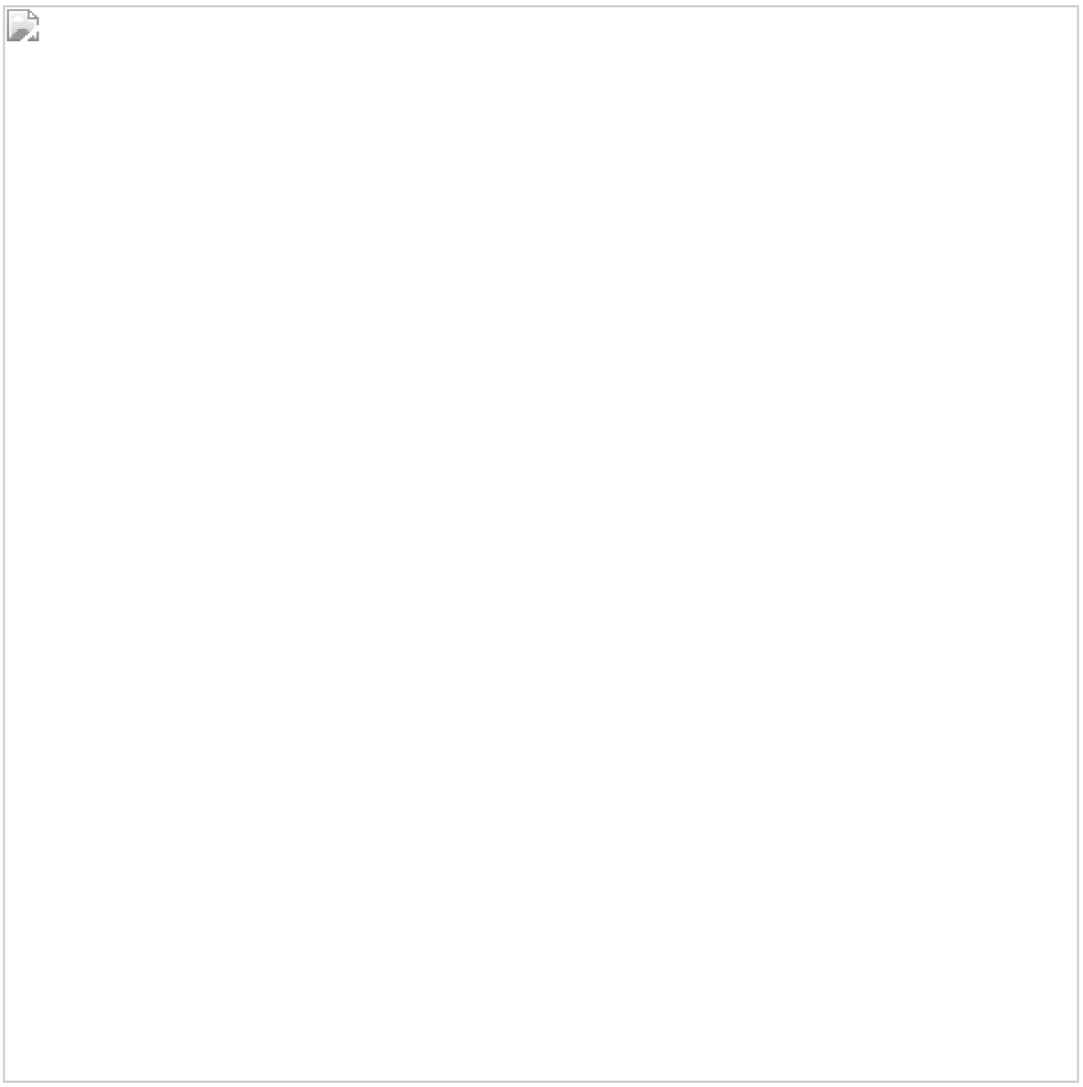
He dug a hole, put in his four gold pieces, covered them up, and watered them. Then he went away to wait.

When he came back, there was no tree. A Parrot in a tree laughed at him. The Fox and the Cat had come back while he was gone and dug up every coin.

“In order to come by money honestly,” said the Parrot, “one must work.”

TALK ABOUT IT

The Parrot said money comes honestly by working. What kind of work do you like to do?

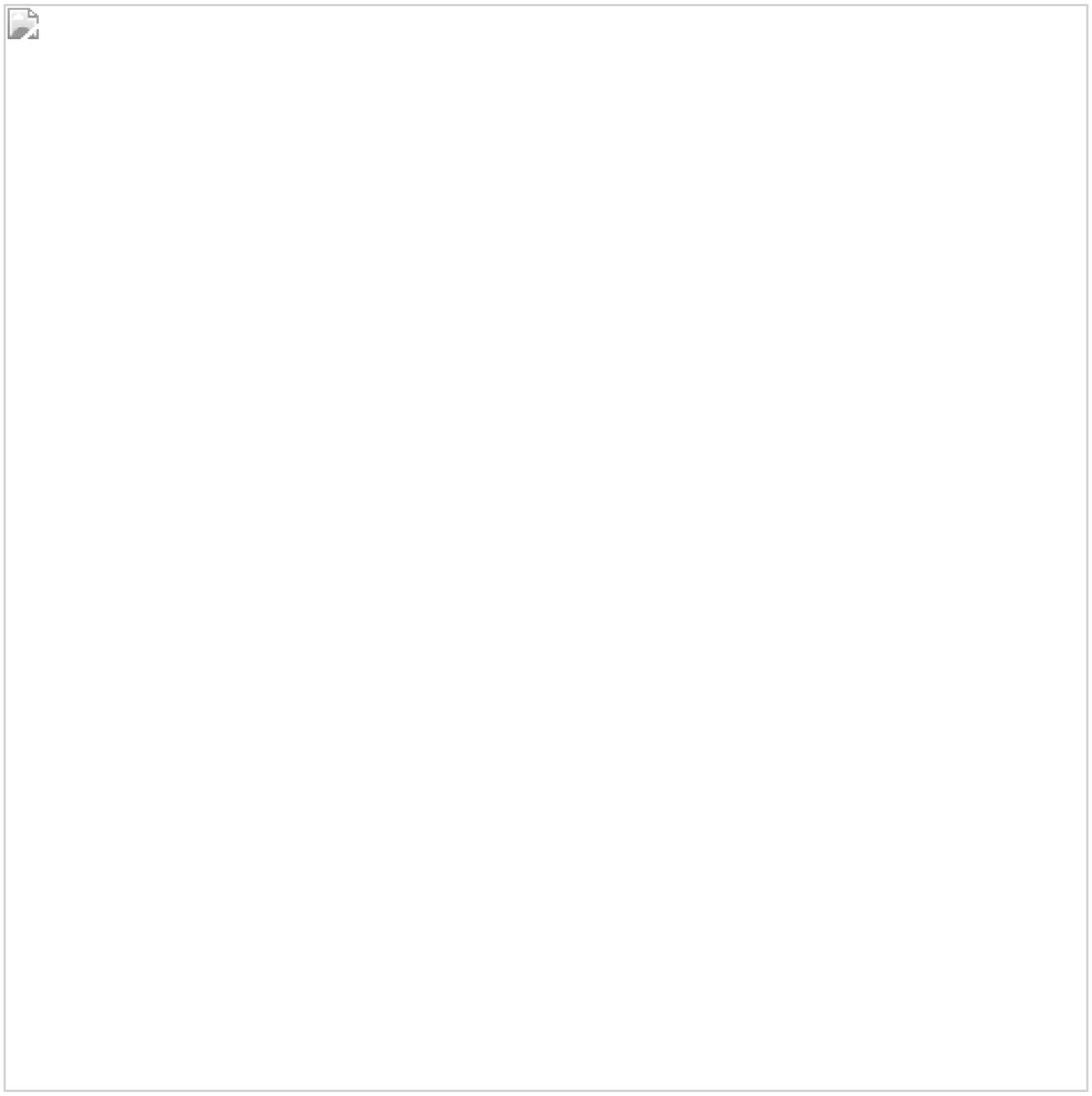


Think about it

1. What really happened to the gold pieces?

- ○ A money tree grew
- ○ The Fox and Cat dug them up
- ○ They melted

The Island of the Busy Bees



After many troubles, Pinocchio reached an island where everyone was busy. He was hungry and begged for food, but everyone said, “Come and help me, and I’ll give you something.” Pinocchio did not want to work.

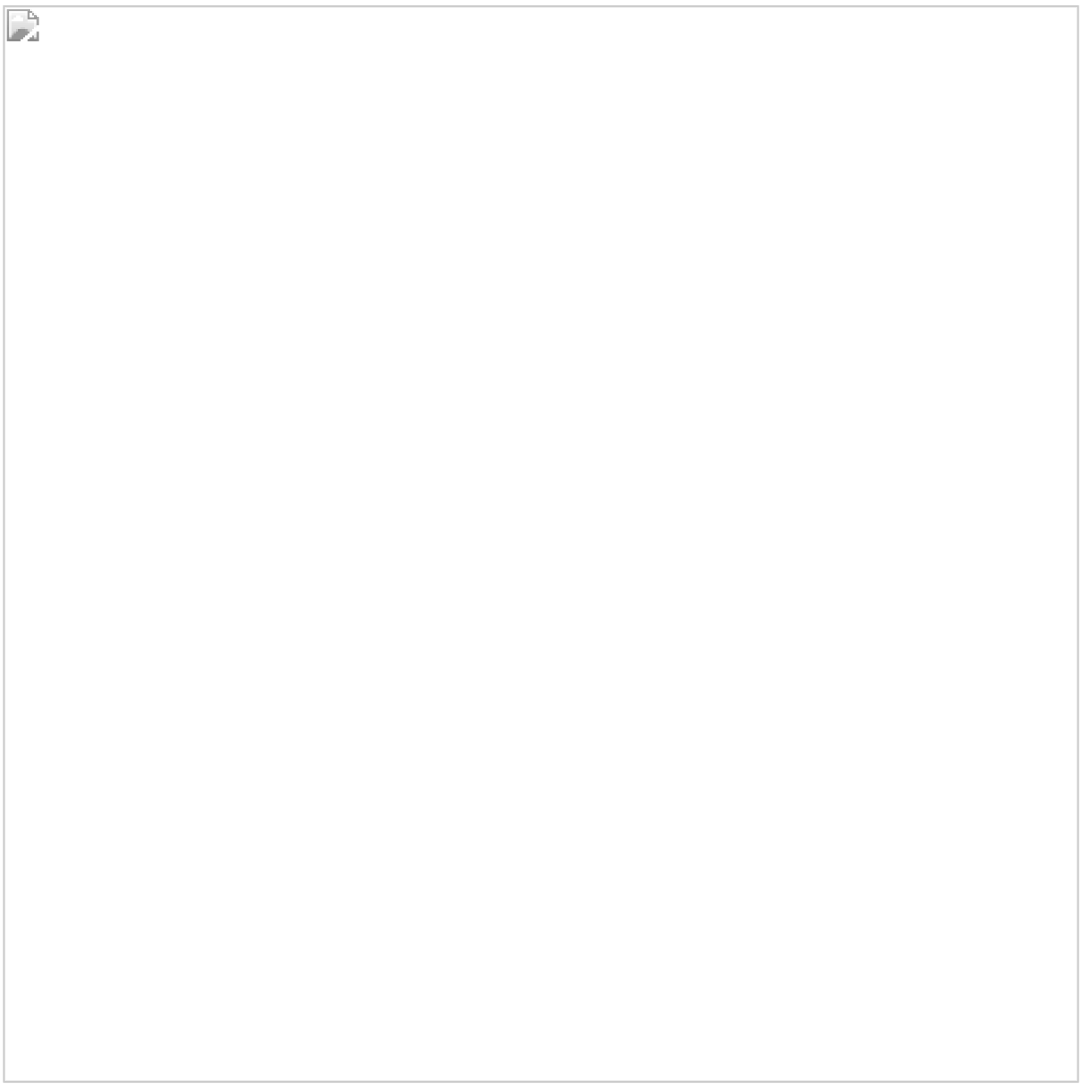
Then a kind woman came by with two jugs of water. “Will you help me carry one home? I will give you bread and something good.”

Pinocchio carried it. Then he saw that her hair was azure. It was his Fairy, grown up now, and like a mother to him.

“I will be good,” he promised. “I will go to school, and work, and do what you say.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio carried the jug when he was asked kindly. What helps you say yes to a job?

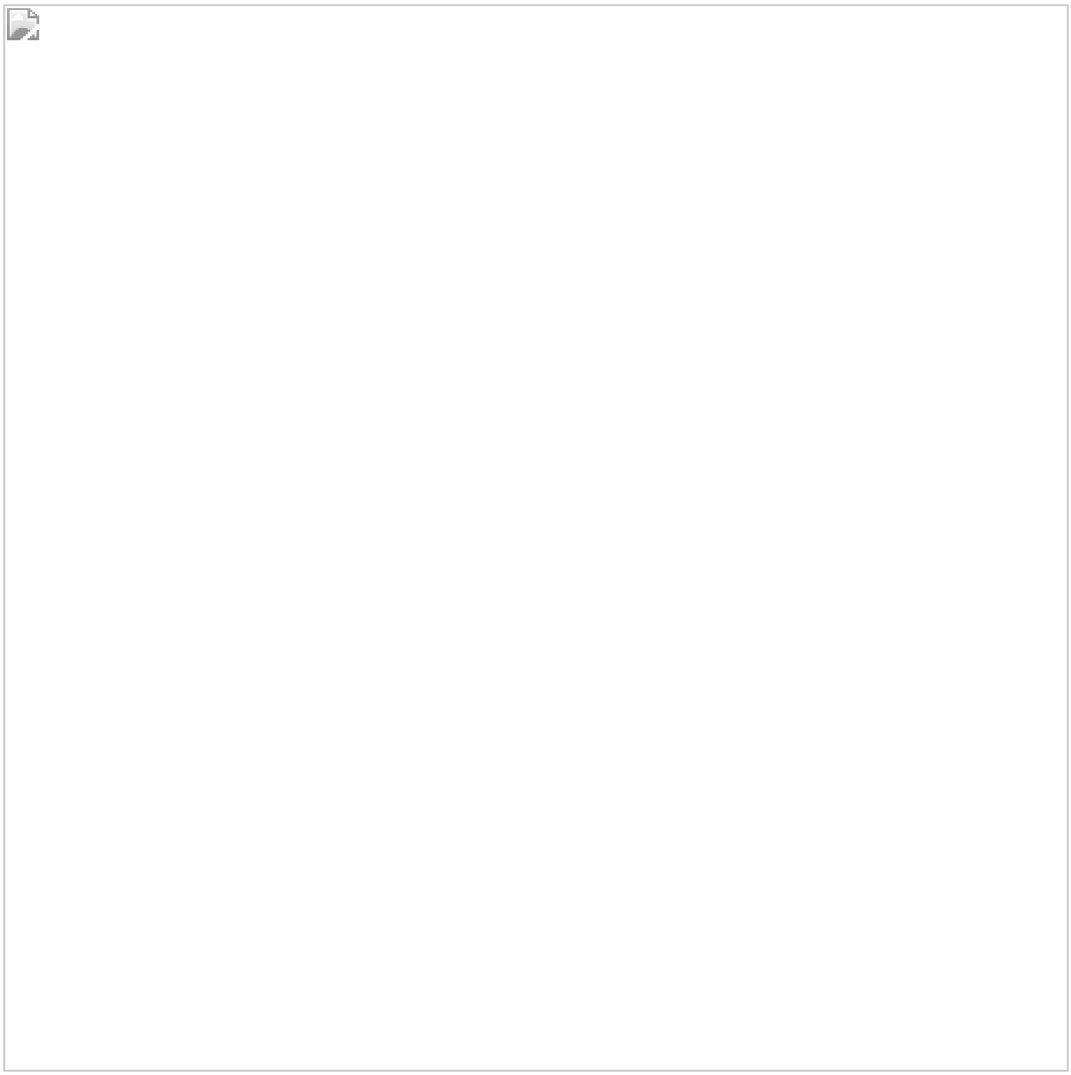


Think about it

1. Who was the woman with the water jugs?

- ○ The Fairy with Azure Hair
- ○ Mastro Cherry's wife
- ○ A stranger

What Is Given Is Returned



Pinocchio went to school and worked hard. But one day some boys talked him into skipping it to see a giant Shark at the seashore. There was no Shark, only a fight, and Pinocchio ran.

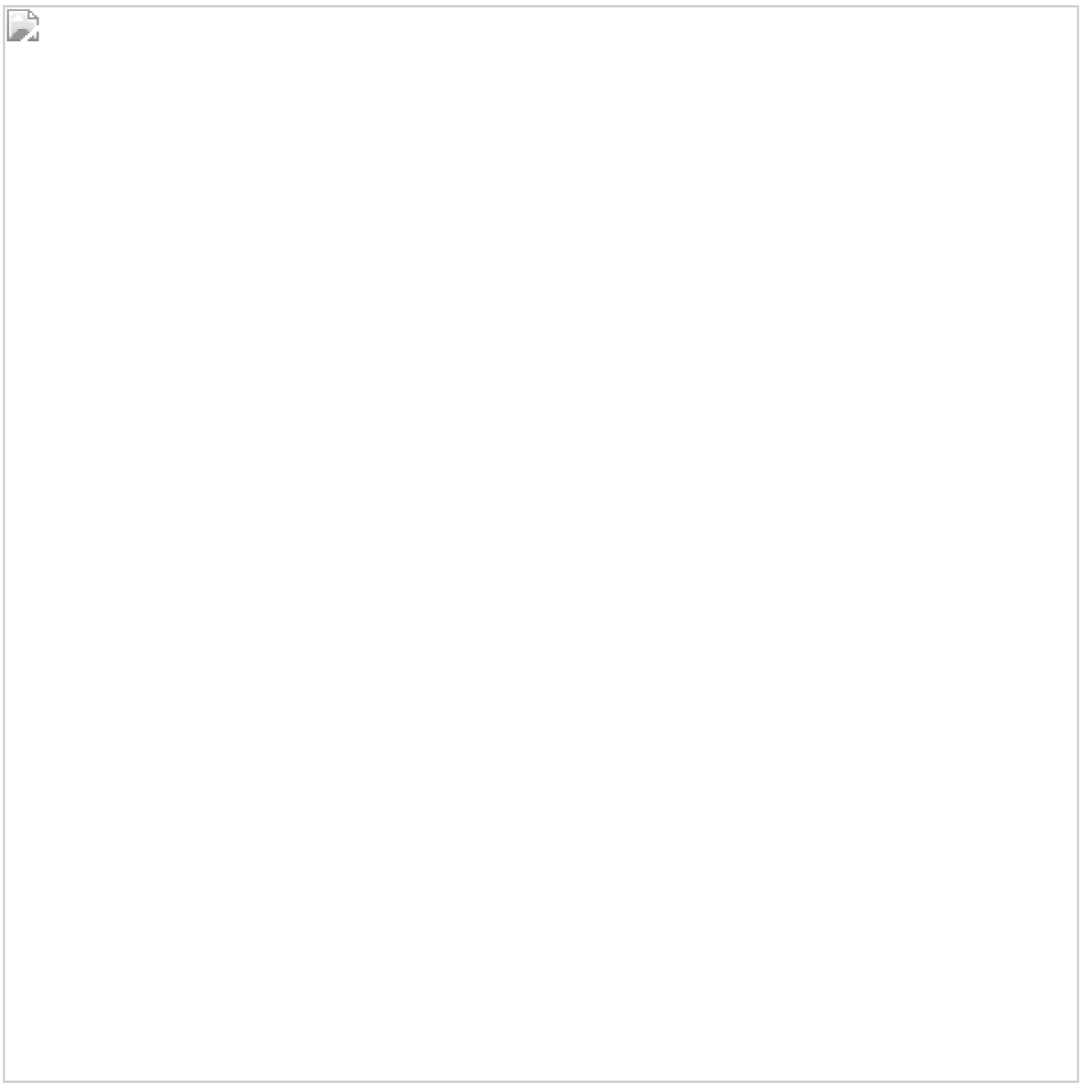
A big dog named Alidoro chased him into the sea. But Alidoro could not swim, and began to sink. Pinocchio caught him by the tail and pulled him safely to shore.

“You did me a good turn,” said Alidoro, “and, in this world, what is given is always returned.”

And it was. When a fisherman caught Pinocchio in his net to cook for supper, Alidoro came running and carried him away.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio helped the dog who had been chasing him. Why do you think he did that?



Think about it

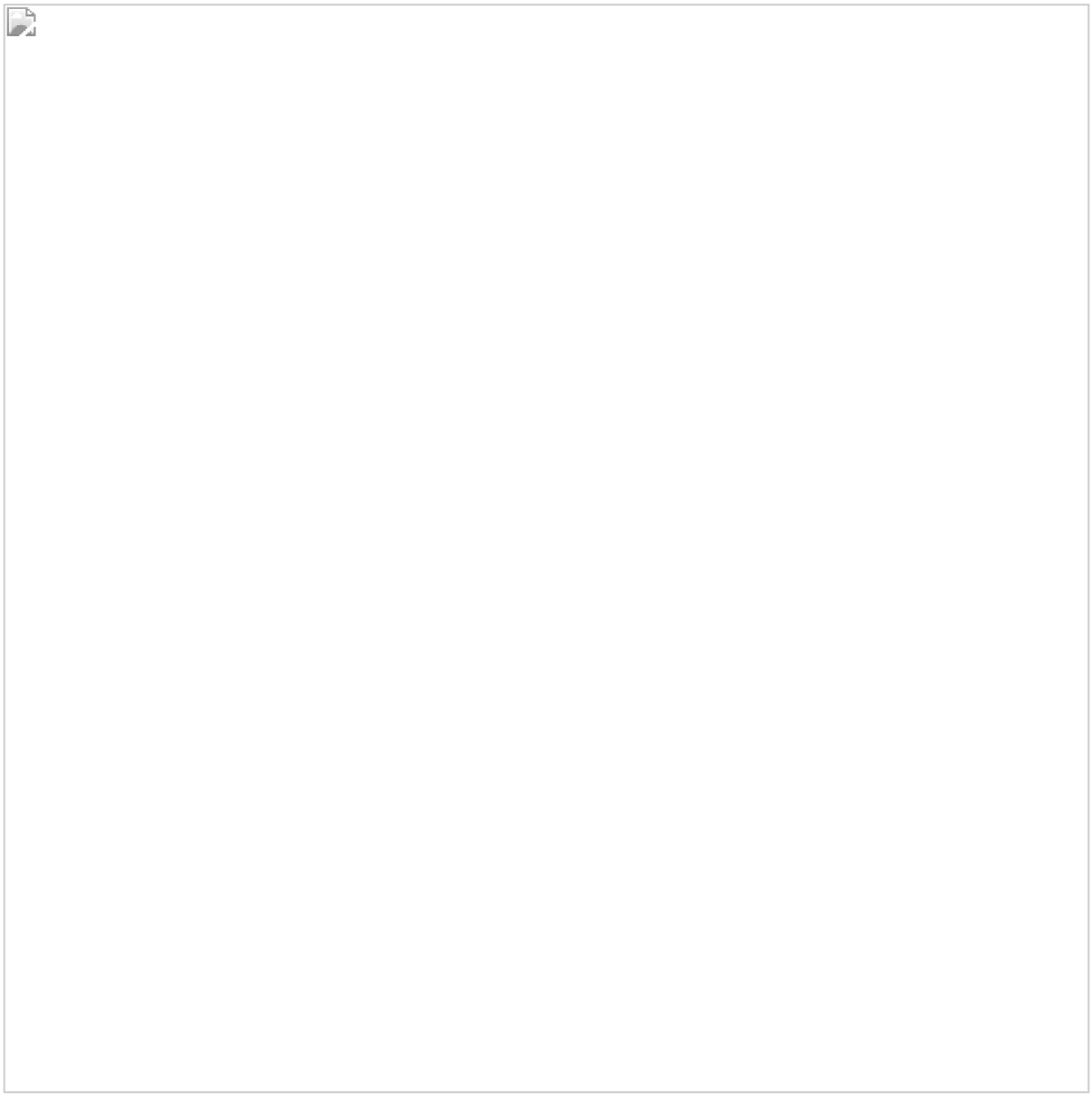
1. How did Pinocchio help Alidoro?

- ○ He pulled him out of the sea
- ○ He gave him a bone
- ○ He hid him

2. How did Alidoro pay him back?

- ○ He rescued him from the fisherman
- ○ He gave him money
- ○ He ran away

A Wonderful Promise



Pinocchio ran home to the Fairy in the pouring rain. He knocked, and a Snail at the top window said she would come and open the door.

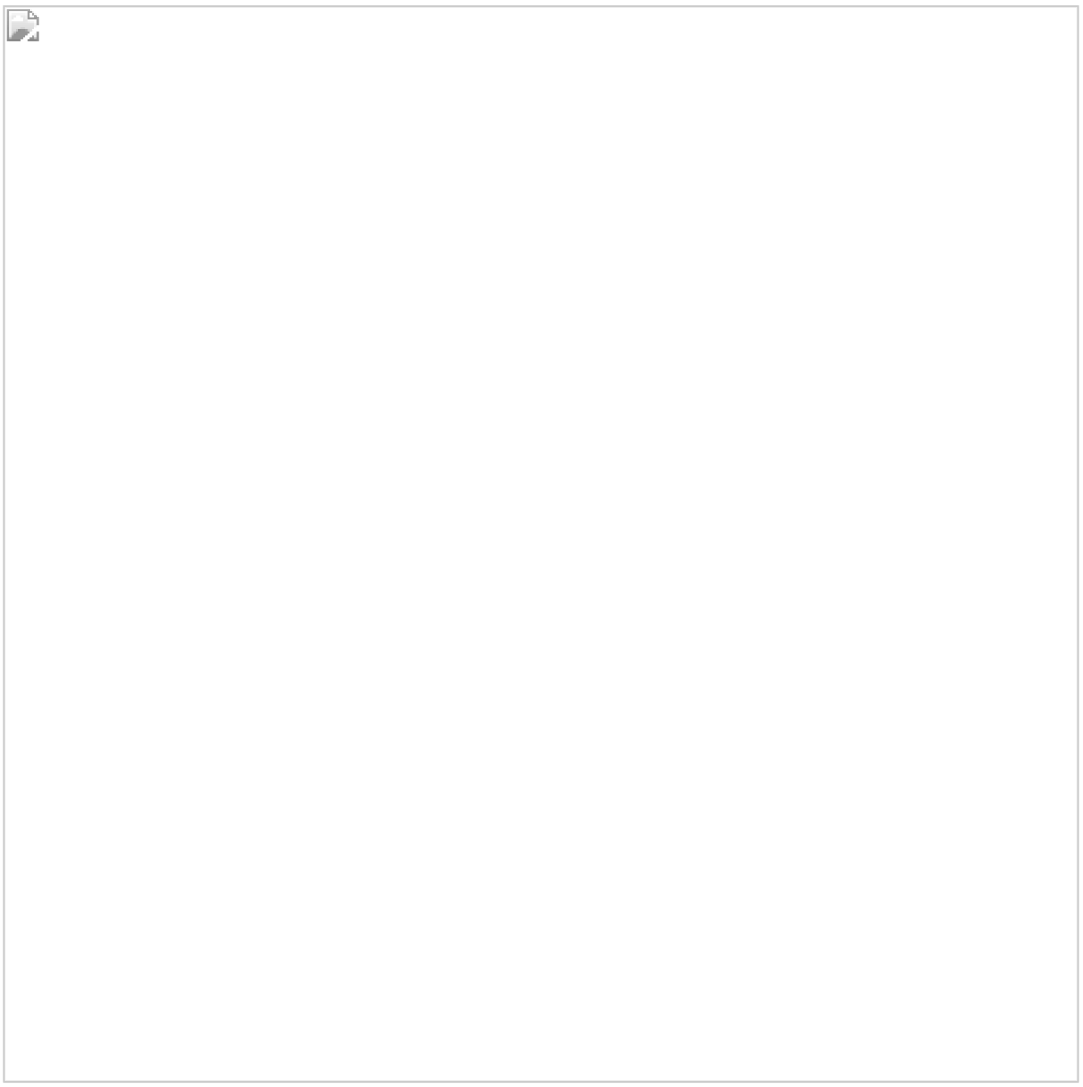
Pinocchio waited and waited. “My boy, I am a snail and snails are never in a hurry.” She came down at last, the next morning!

The Fairy forgave him once more. Pinocchio worked hard at school all year and was the best in his class. Then the Fairy told him wonderful news.

“Tomorrow you will cease to be a Marionette and will become a real boy.”

TALK ABOUT IT

The Fairy forgave Pinocchio again and again. Why do you think she kept forgiving him?

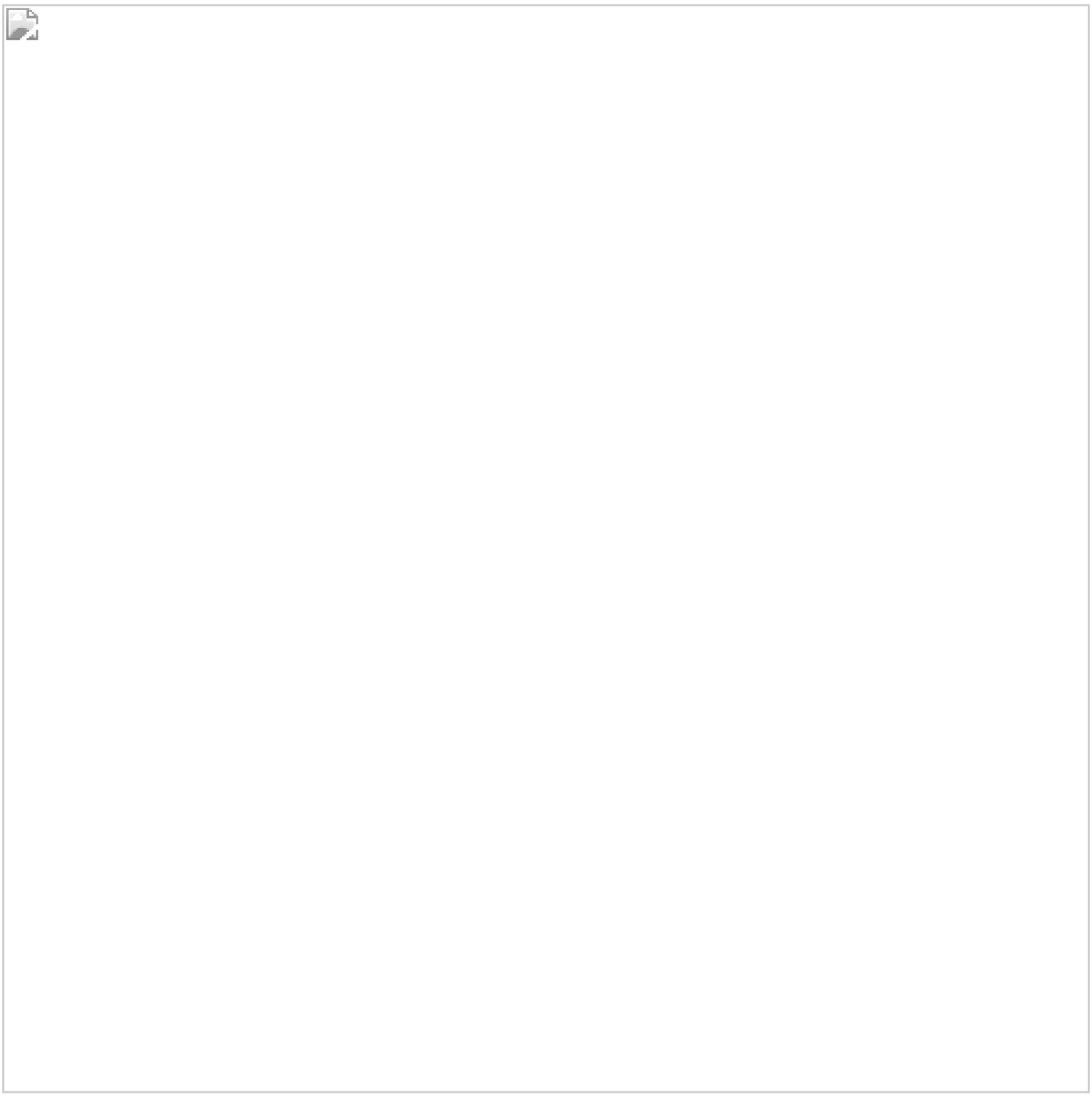


Think about it

1. Why did it take so long for the door to open?

- ○ The Snail was very slow
- ○ Nobody was home
- ○ The door was locked forever

The Land of Toys



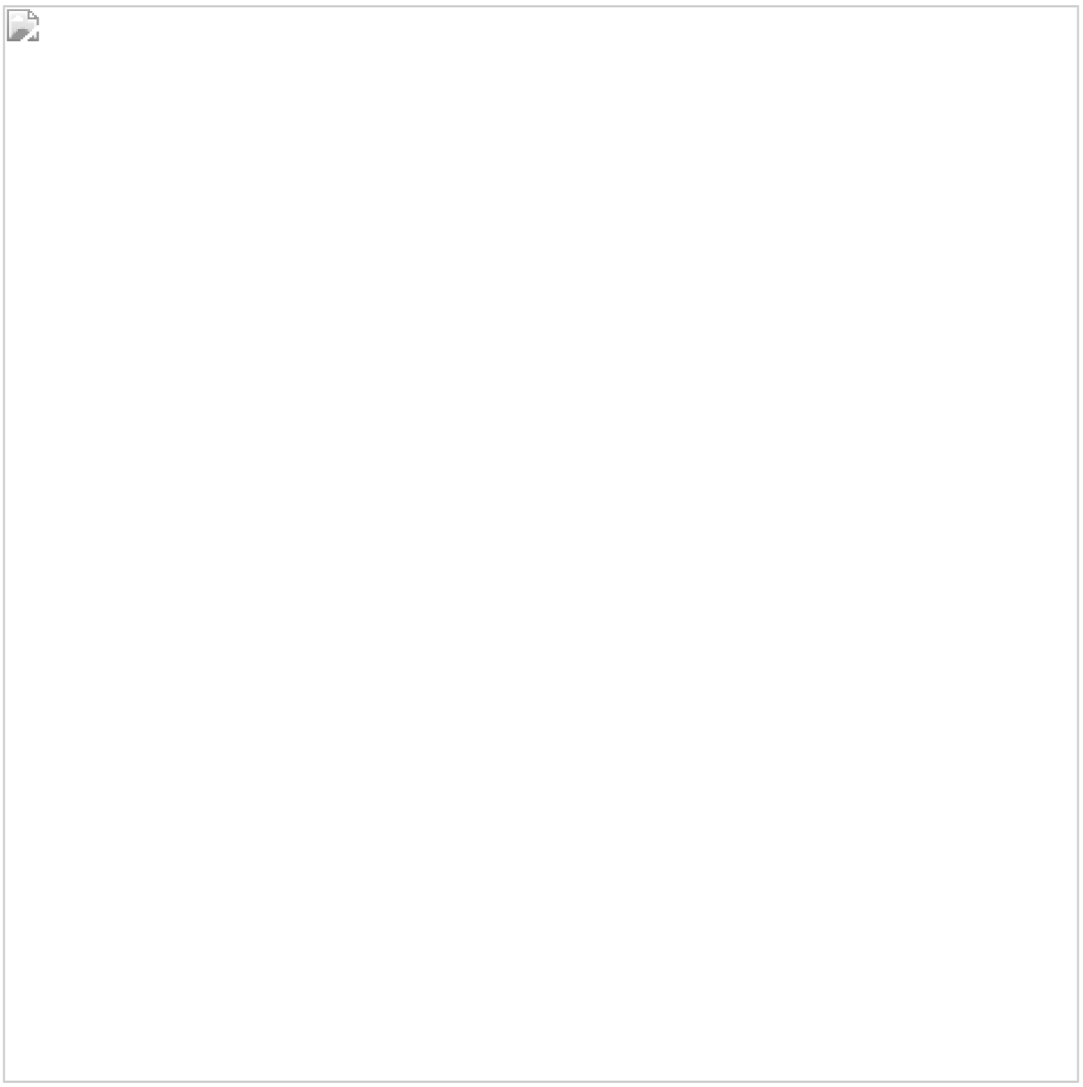
Pinocchio went out to invite his friends to a party. But his friend Lamp-Wick told him about a wonderful place, the Land of Toys. “No schools, no teachers, no books!” There, every day was a holiday.

“I promised the Fairy,” said Pinocchio. But a little man came by in a wagon pulled by twelve pairs of donkeys, full of children, and Lamp-Wick jumped aboard. And Pinocchio, forgetting his promise, climbed up too.

In the Land of Toys, the children played all day, every day, for five whole months. On the walls was written: HURRAH FOR THE LAND OF TOYS! DOWN WITH ARITHMETIC! NO MORE SCHOOL!

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio was one day away from his wish, and he went anyway. Why is it hard to wait for something good?

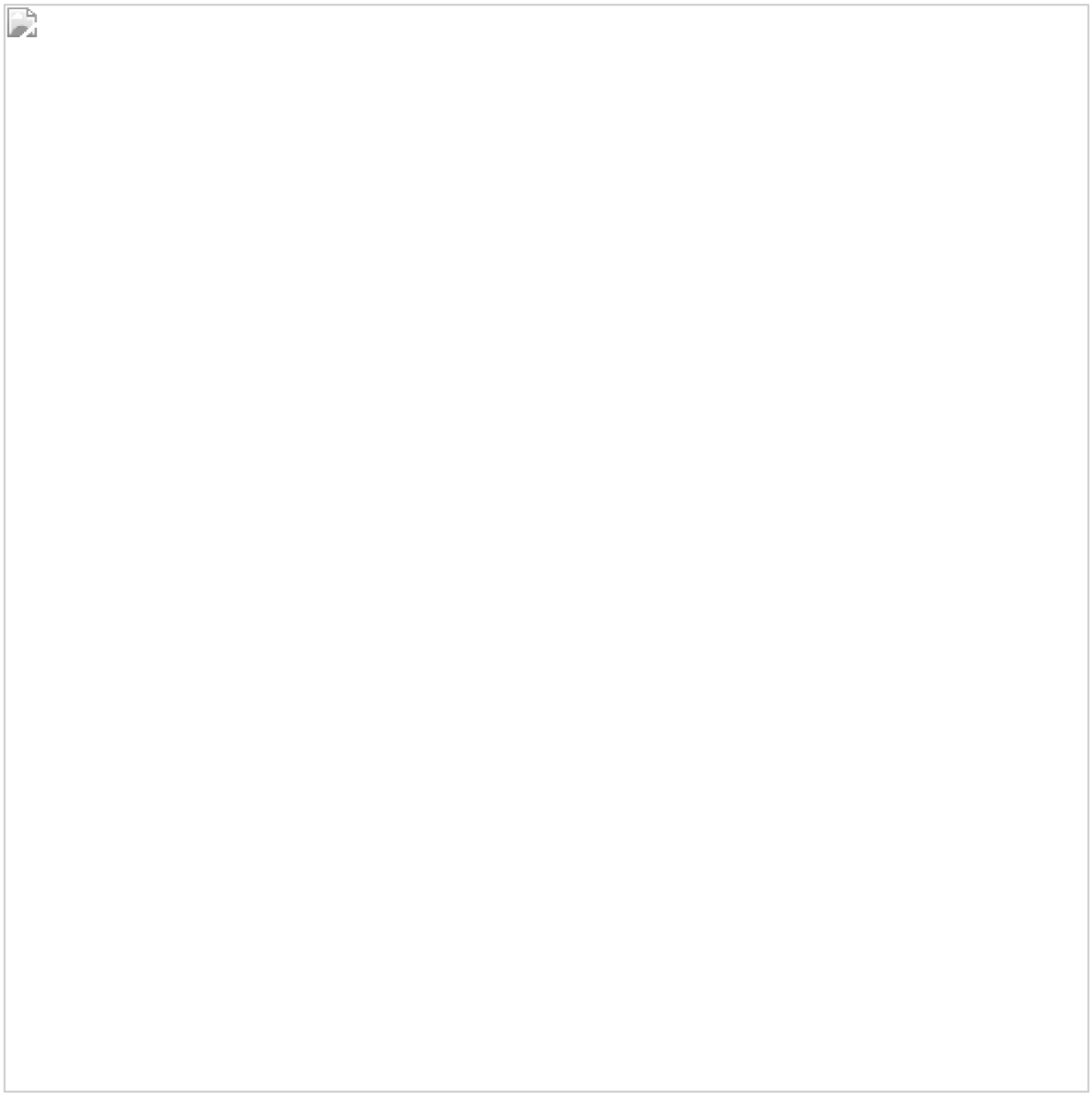


Think about it

1. What was missing from the Land of Toys?

- ○ Toys
- ○ Schools, teachers and books
- ○ Children

Donkey Ears



One morning Pinocchio woke up and scratched his head. His ears had grown long and furry, like donkey ears!

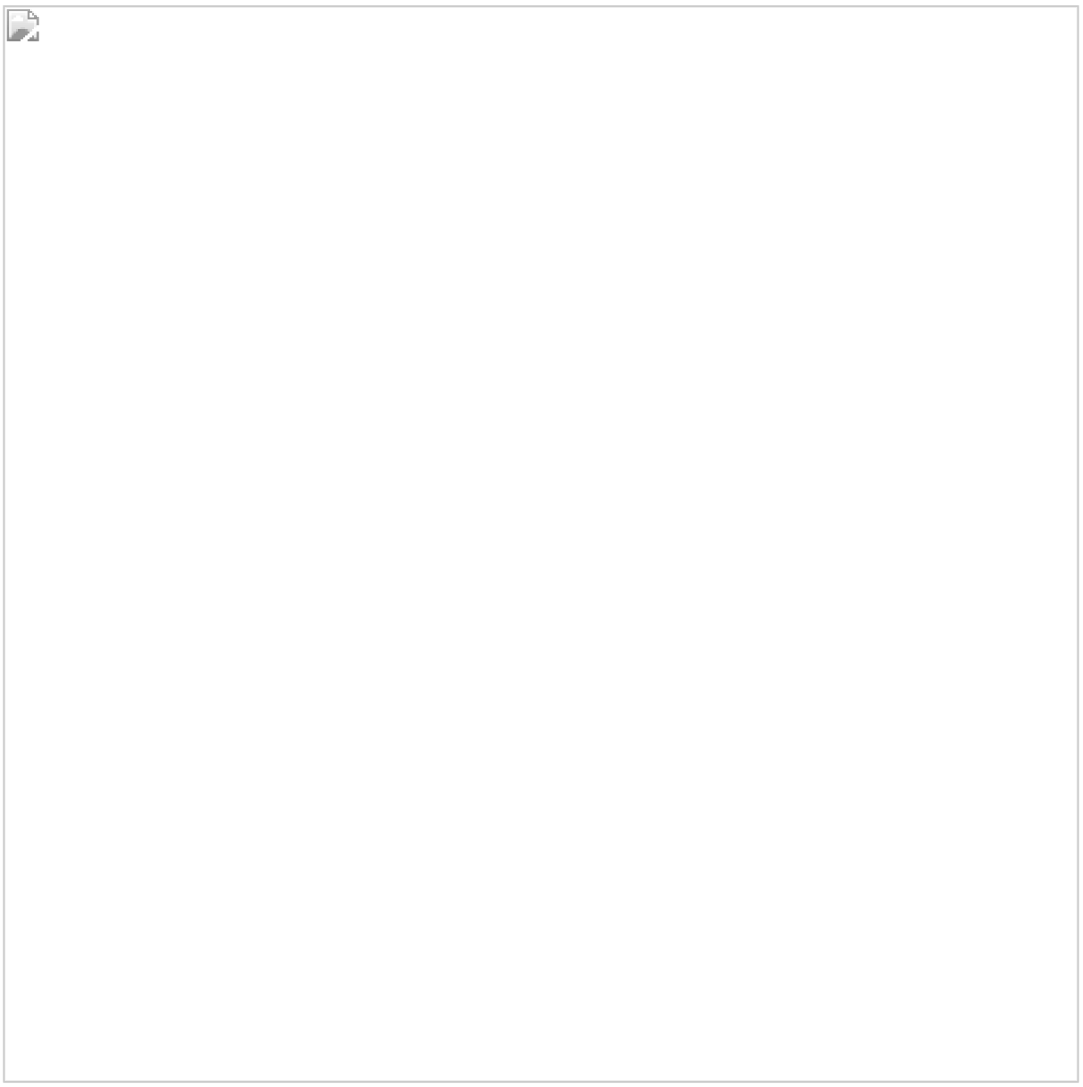
He ran to Lamp-Wick, and Lamp-Wick had donkey ears too. Soon they were both down on all fours, braying “Haw! Haw! Haw!” They had become two little donkeys.

The little man who drove the wagon sold Pinocchio to a circus. There he had to learn to jump through hoops and dance. One night he fell and hurt his leg, and the circus did not want a donkey who could not dance.

TALK ABOUT IT

If you could tell Pinocchio one thing to help him get home, what would it be?

Donkey Ears · another picture

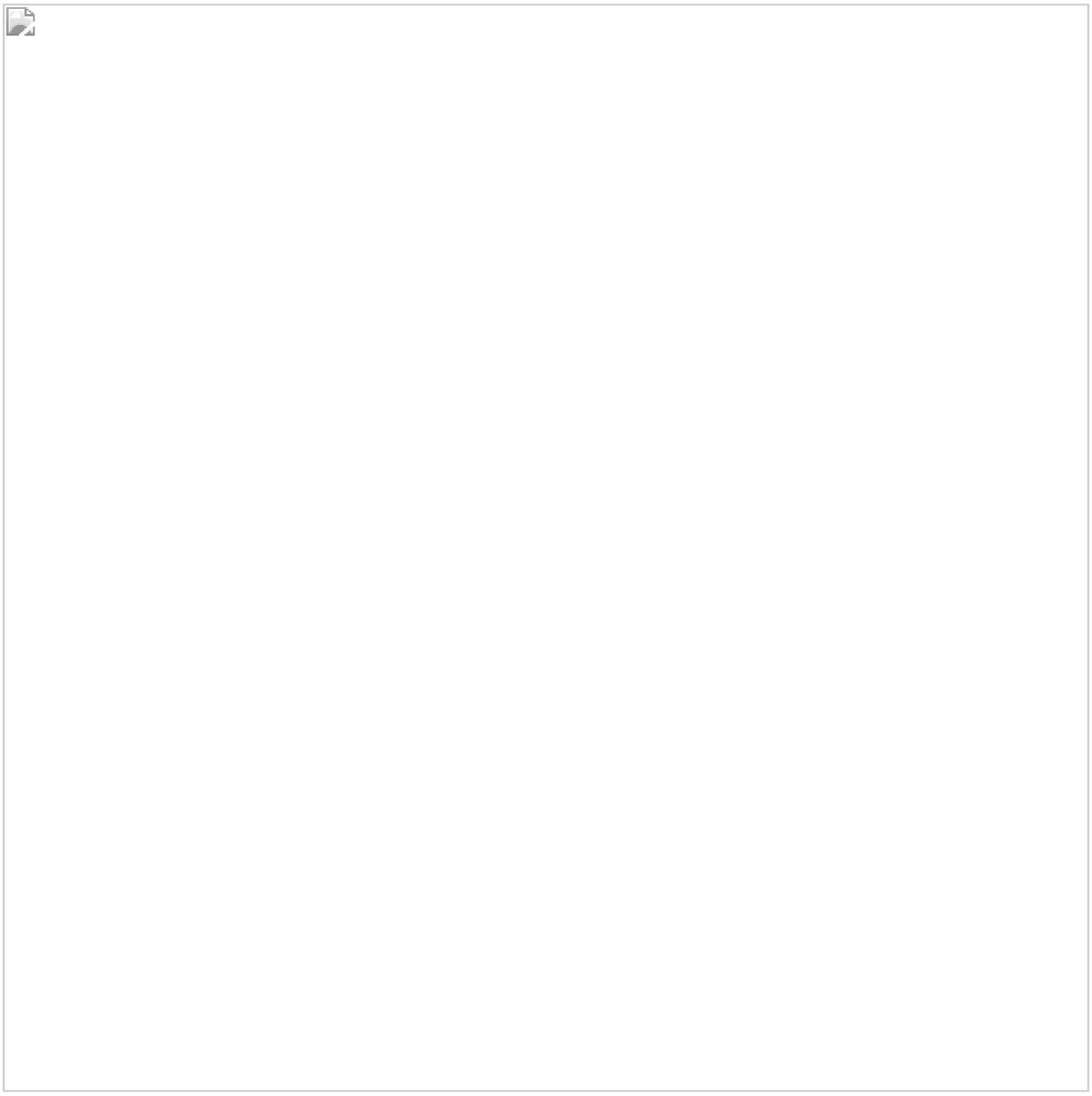


Think about it

1. What happened to the boys in the Land of Toys?

- ○ They turned into donkeys
- ○ They became kings
- ○ They learned to fly

Into the Sea



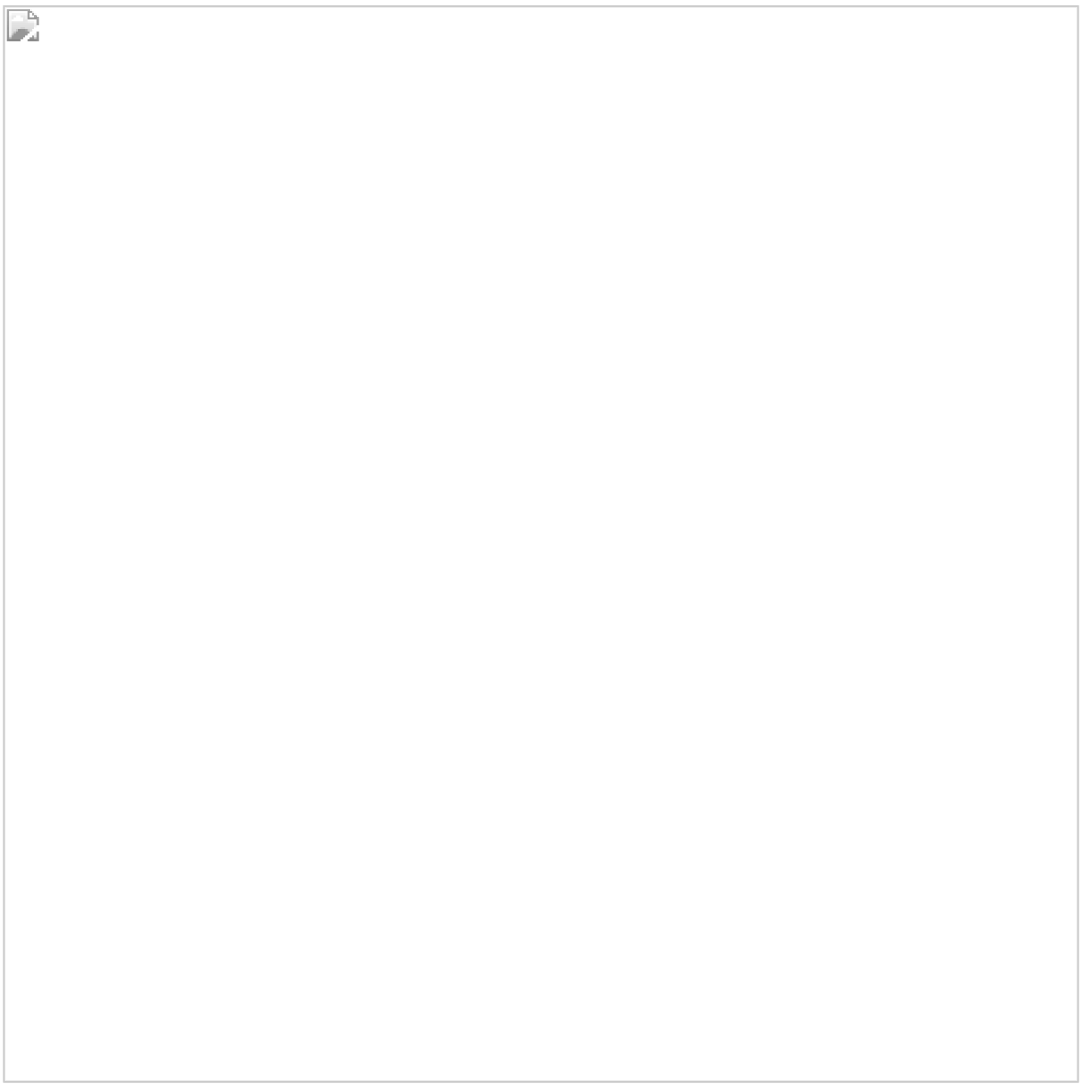
A man bought the little donkey to make his skin into a drum, and took him down to the sea, and into the water the donkey went.

But under the water, the fish came and nibbled away the donkey, bit by bit, until there was only wooden Pinocchio again, swimming away as fast as he could!

Then up rose the Terrible Shark, bigger than a five-story building, with a mouth so big that a whole train could fit inside. In one gulp, he swallowed Pinocchio whole.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio kept swimming, even when things were hard. What helps you keep going?



Think about it

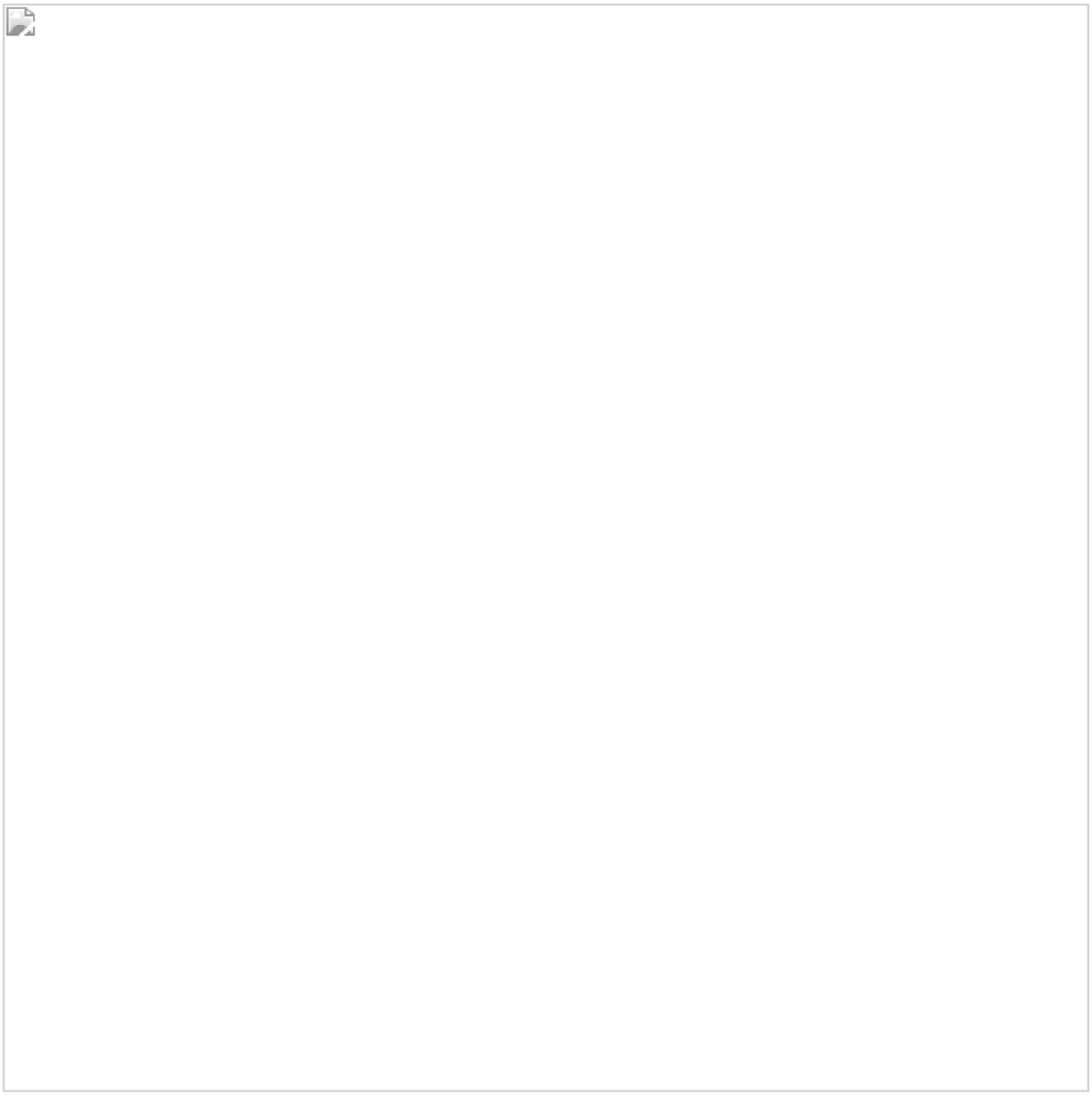
1. What turned Pinocchio back into a wooden puppet?

- ○ The fish nibbled the donkey away
- ○ A wizard
- ○ He took a bath

2. What swallowed Pinocchio?

- ○ A whale
- ○ The Terrible Shark
- ○ A giant fish named Bob

A Light in the Dark



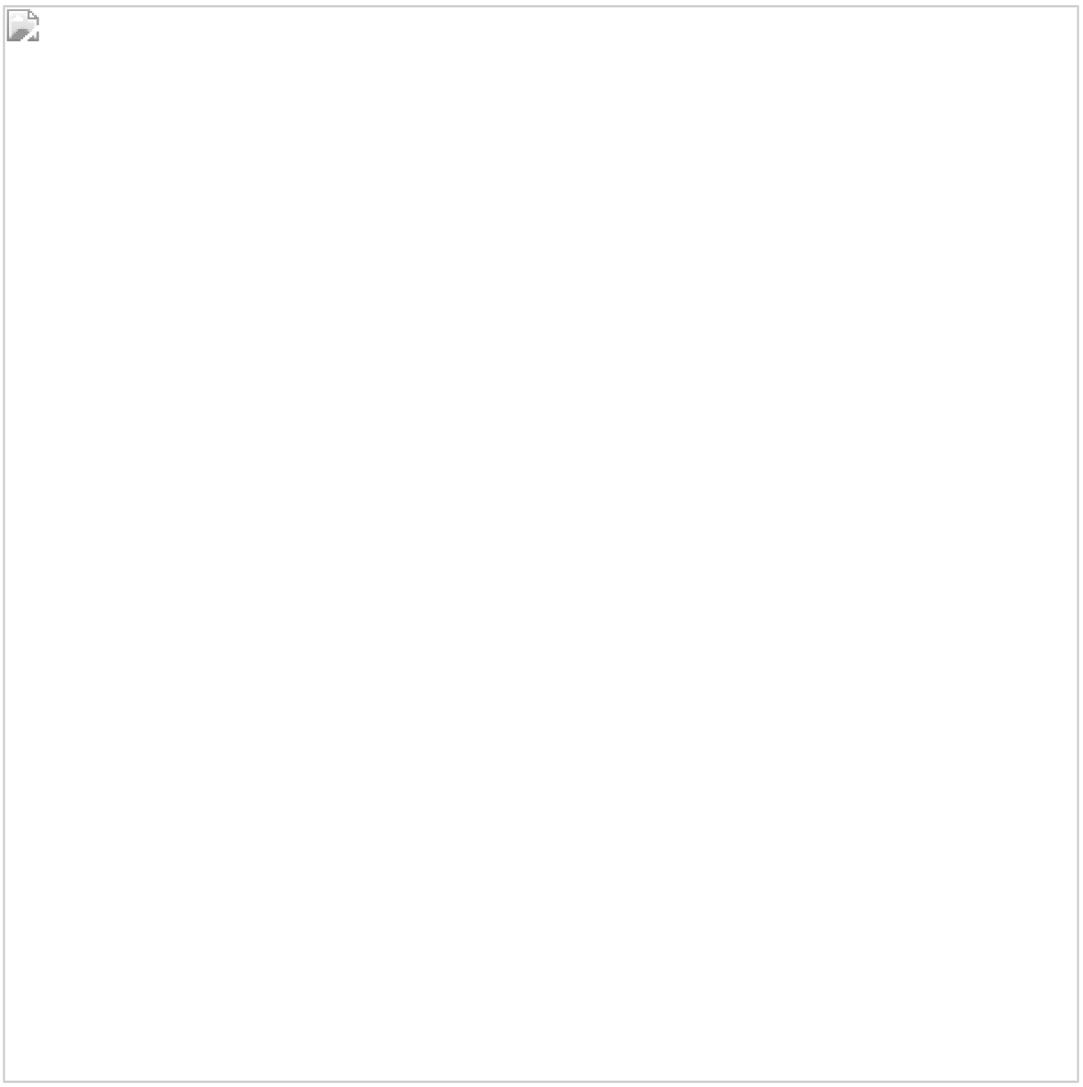
Inside the Shark it was dark as night. Far, far away, Pinocchio saw a little light, and he walked toward it.

There at a little table sat an old man by a candle. It was Geppetto! He had set out in a little boat to look for Pinocchio, and the Shark had swallowed him two years ago.

Pinocchio threw his arms around his neck. “Oh, Father, dear Father! Have I found you at last? Now I shall never, never leave you again!”

TALK ABOUT IT

Geppetto went out on the sea to look for Pinocchio. What does that tell you about him?

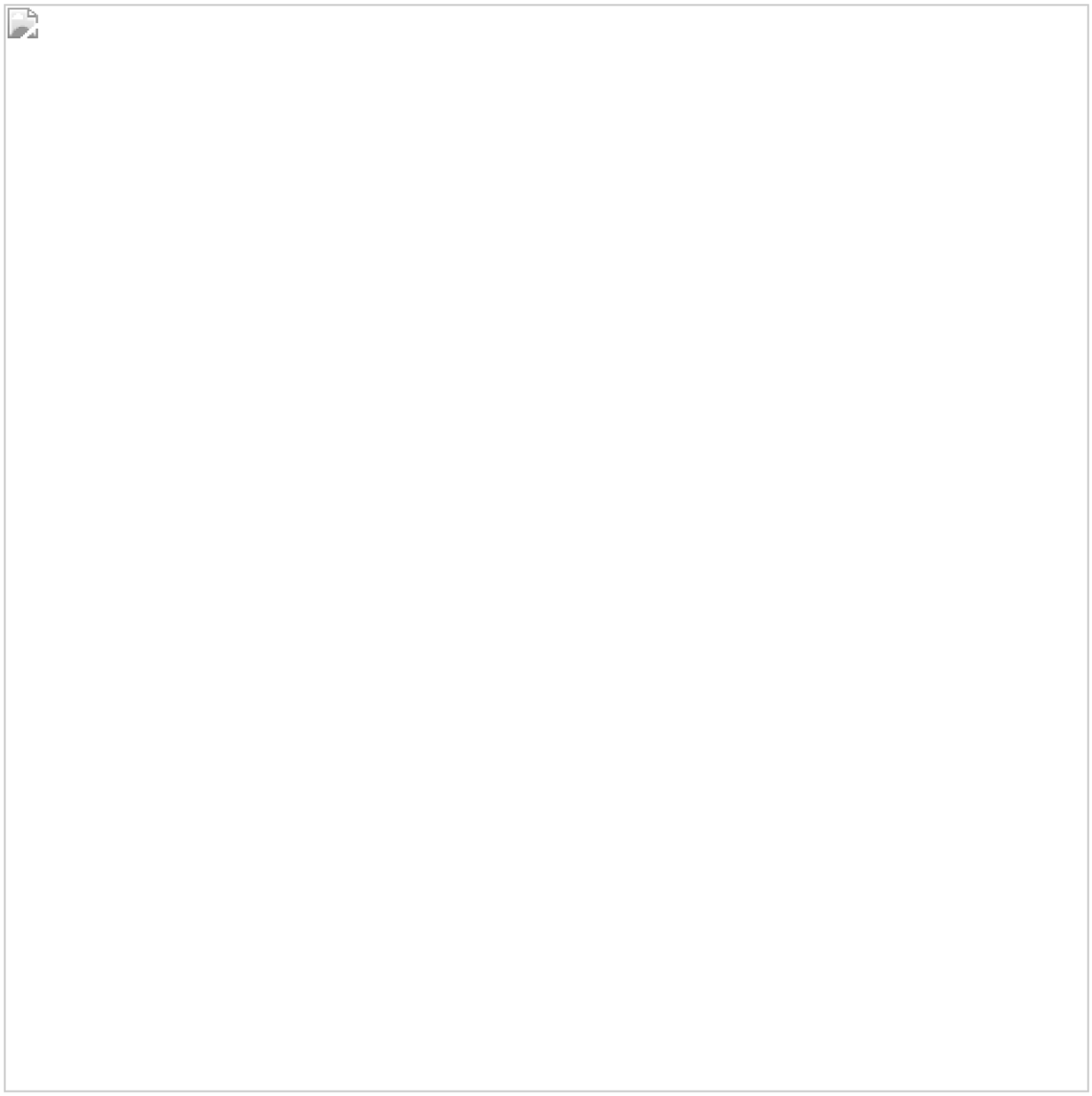


Think about it

1. Who was sitting by the candle inside the Shark?

- ○ Geppetto
- ○ The Fairy
- ○ Lamp-Wick

Climb On My Back



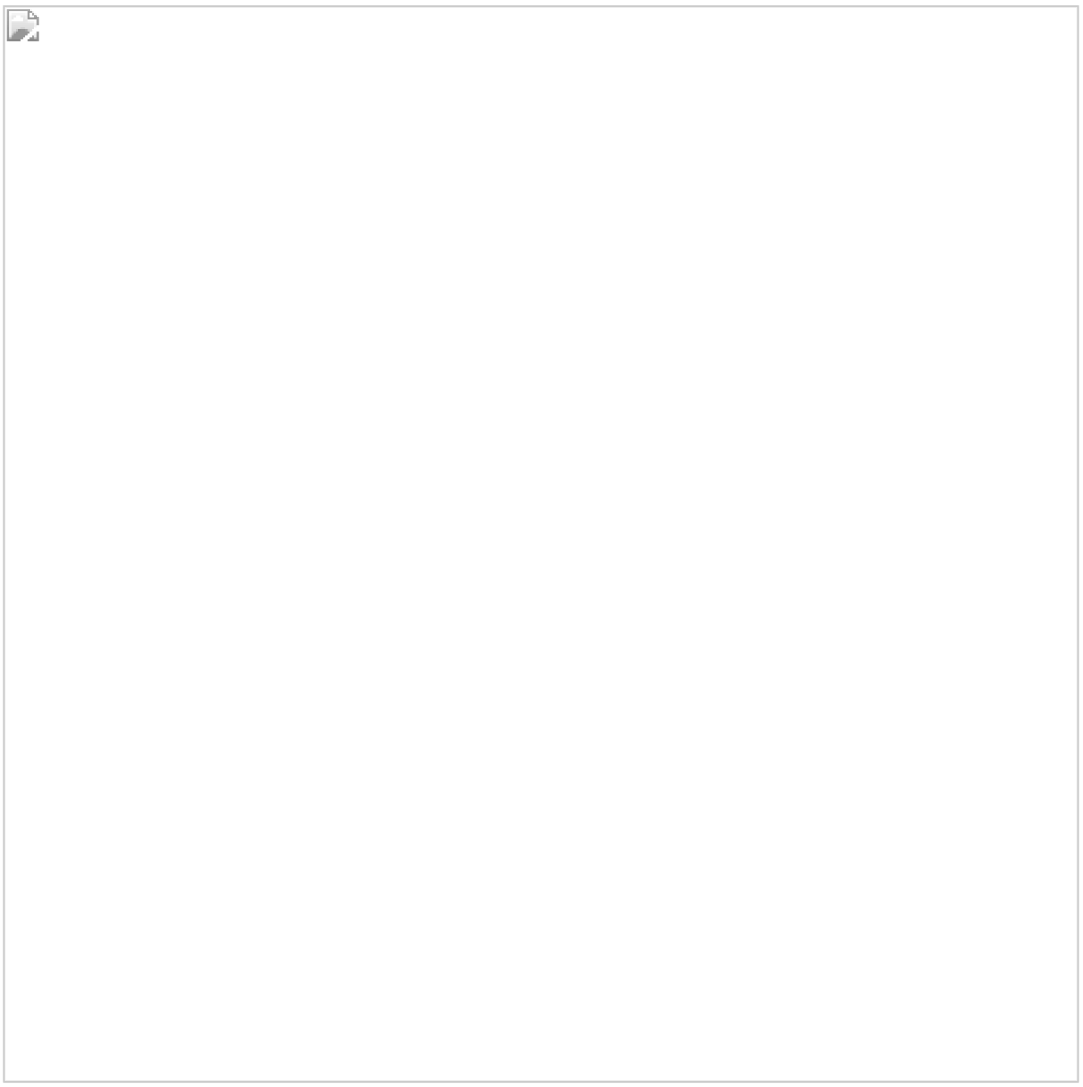
The Shark was old and slept with his mouth open, because he had trouble breathing. Pinocchio took his father by the hand, and on tiptoe they crept up the Shark's throat, across his tongue, and over three rows of teeth.

Geppetto could not swim. "Climb on my back and hold on tightly to my neck," said Pinocchio. "I'll take care of everything else."

Into the moonlit sea he dived, and swam and swam with his father on his back. When he had no strength left, a kind Tunny fish, who had escaped the Shark too, carried them both to the shore.

TALK ABOUT IT

Once Geppetto carried Pinocchio. Now Pinocchio carried Geppetto. How have you helped someone who once helped you?

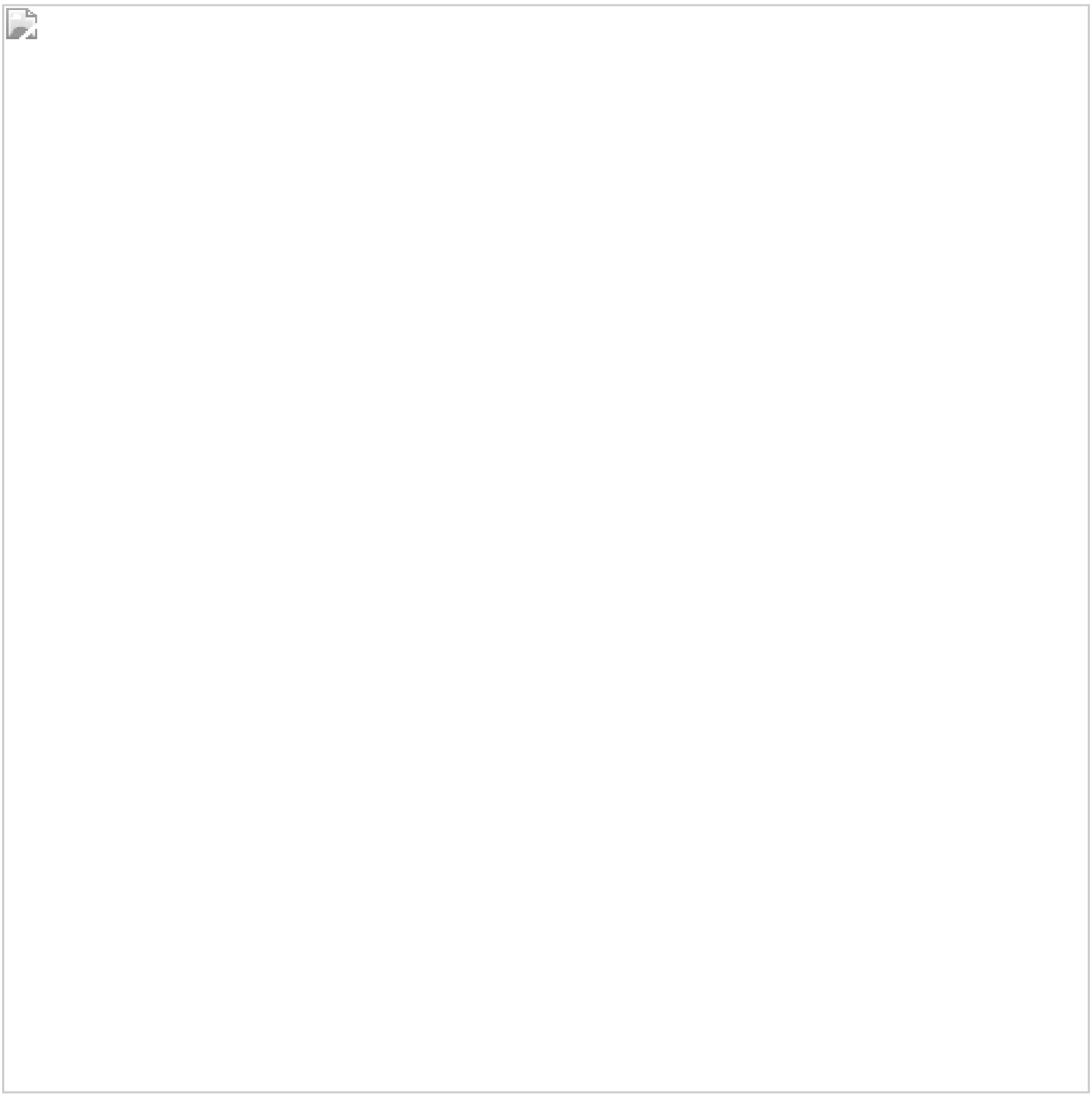


Think about it

1. How did Geppetto get out of the sea?

- ○ On Pinocchio's back
- ○ In a boat
- ○ He flew

Pinocchio Goes to Work



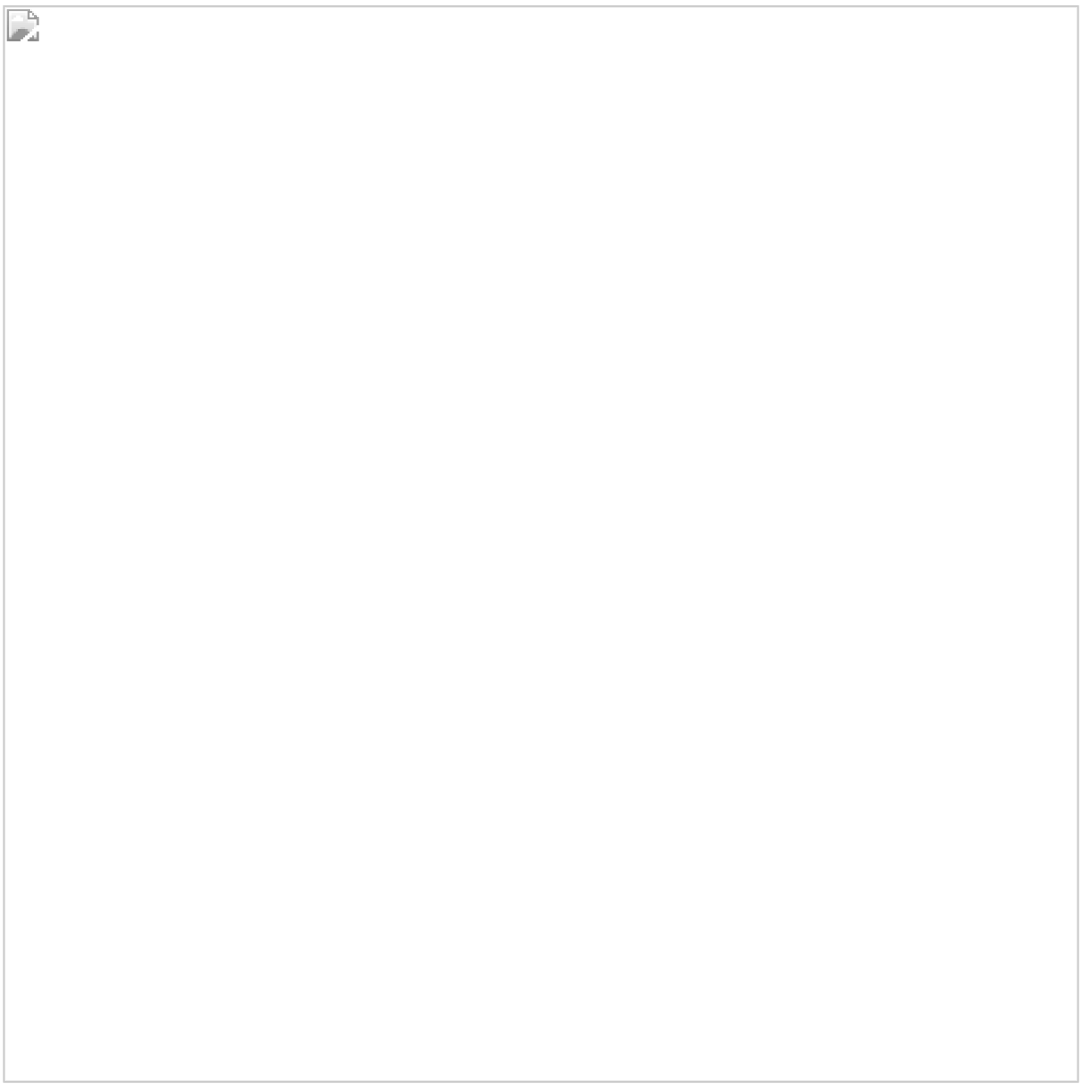
In a straw hut they found the Talking Cricket! “Do you remember when you threw your hammer at me?” Pinocchio was sorry, and the Cricket forgave him and let them stay.

Geppetto was weak and needed milk, so for more than five months Pinocchio turned the wheel at Farmer John’s well before sunrise, earning a glass of milk for his father. He wove baskets to sell, and at night taught himself to read.

When the Fairy fell sick and poor, he gave her the money he had saved for new clothes. “Until today I have worked for my father. Now I shall have to work for my mother also.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Pinocchio gave away the money for his new clothes. What would you have done?



Think about it

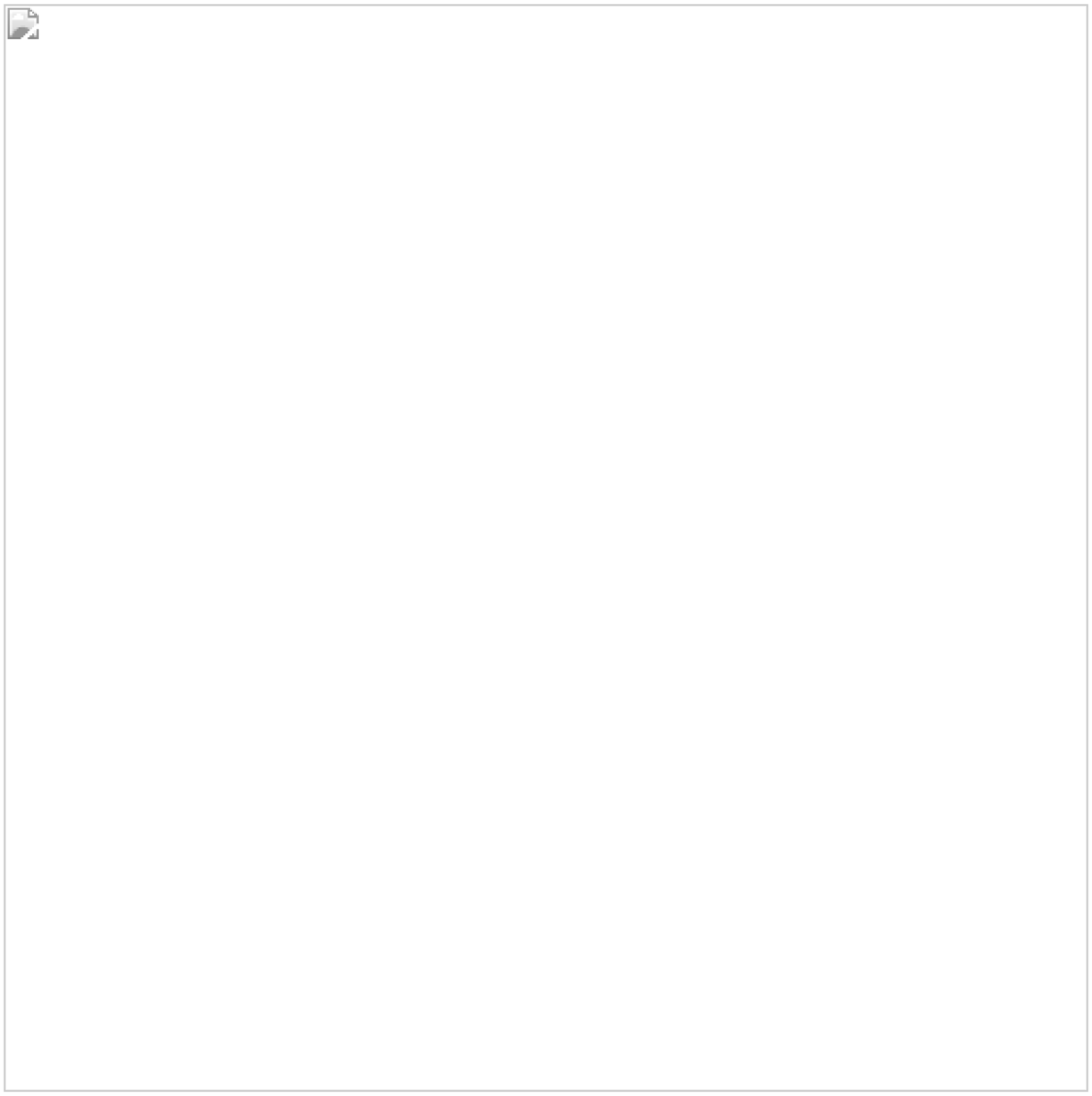
1. What did Pinocchio earn by drawing water each morning?

- ○ A glass of milk for his father
- ○ A new hat
- ○ Gold coins

2. What did the Talking Cricket do when Pinocchio came to his hut?

- ○ He forgave him
- ○ He threw a hammer back
- ○ He sent him away

A Real Boy



In a dream the Fairy kissed him. “Bravo, Pinocchio! In reward for your kind heart, I forgive you for all your old mischief.”

He woke up a real boy! New clothes lay on the chair, with a purse of fifty gold coins in the pocket.

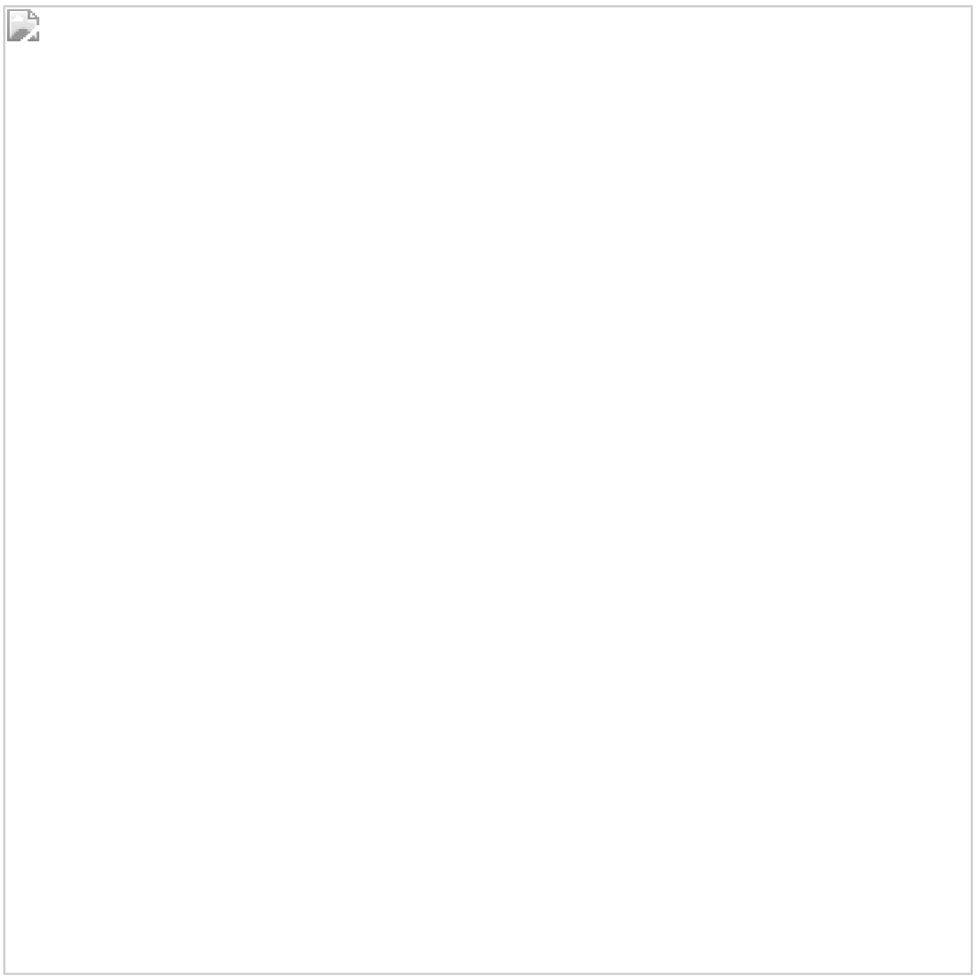
Geppetto was well again. “When bad boys become good and kind,” he said, “they have the power of making their homes gay and new with happiness.”

The old wooden puppet leaned against a chair. Pinocchio looked at it a long time. “How ridiculous I was as a Marionette! And how happy I am, now that I have become a real boy!”

TALK ABOUT IT

What changed Pinocchio’s heart, little by little, through the whole story?

A Real Boy · another picture



Think about it

1. What did the Fairy reward Pinocchio for?

- ○ His kind heart
- ○ Being the fastest
- ○ His long nose

2. What did Pinocchio do that showed his heart had changed?

3. Who in your life is like Geppetto, loving you no matter what?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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