

The Firebird • Worksheet



1. Cross out the word in each group which *doesn't* mean the same, or almost the same, as the other three.

- A. magnificent - splendid - magical - spectacular
 - B. blossomed - flowered - bloomed - covered
 - C. astonished - amazed - horrified - astounded
 - D. sparkling - scorching - blazing - burning
 - E. sunrise - dusk - daybreak - dawn
 - F. magician - devil - wizard - sorcerer
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2. Choose the word on the right that best matches the sense of the phrase on the left.

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| A. Prince Ivan didn't let his brothers stop him. | warning |
| B. Snow muffled all sounds except his horse's careful footprints. | devoted |
| C. His horse had chosen to die in order to save him. | determined |
| D. Take the Firebird but, whatever you do, don't touch her cage. | quiet |
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3. In Chapter Three, there's a similar pattern of events at each palace. Can you put them in order?

- A. The king asks Ivan to do something for him.
 - B. Silver Wolf gives Ivan a piece of advice.
 - C. Ivan finds what he was looking for.
 - D. Ivan is brought before the king.
 - E. Ivan quietly makes his way into the palace.
 - F. Bells and alarms sound.
 - G. Ivan tries to follow Silver Wolf's advice, but something prevents him.
 - H. Guards rush in, and drag Ivan off to the palace prison.
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4. Cross out the mistakes in the sentences below, and write corrections at the end of the sentence.

- A. Silver Wolf leaped over the castle wall when he thought the princess was asleep.
 - B. The princess was afraid Koshchey would turn her to stone, like all the other knights.
 - C. The princess told Ivan where to find the box that held Koshchey's soul.
 - D. Ivan threw the golden egg in the air, and it smashed into pieces.
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5. Match the kings to the statements on the right. Some are true for more than one king.

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| A. King Afron... | ...settled an old quarrel. |
| B. King Dalmat... | ...was overjoyed to see his daughter again. |
| C. Ivan's father... | ...was delighted that Ivan married the princess. |
| | ...finally set the Firebird free. |

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Writing activity: Koshchey boasts to Ivan he is a thousand years old. Write an account of his long life, including the details given in the story such as building his castle, hiding his soul, capturing the princess, up until the moment he sees Silver Wolf and Ivan in the garden.



"I was born one thousand years ago today."

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