

The Canterbury Tales

Geoffrey Chaucer

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Activities

1 Complete the sentences with the right form of the verb.

That night Palamon **1** _____ (have) a dream. In his dream a woman **2** _____ (say), 'I can **3** _____ (see) you. You **4** _____ (marry) Emily.'

On the same night, Arcite also had a dream. In his dream a man said, 'I can hear you. You are saying, Hooray! Emily will be my wife.'

Which dream was right? Well, now **5** _____ (will tell) you.

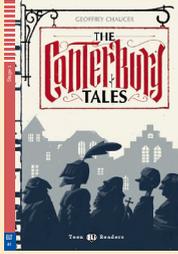
In the morning, everybody **6** _____ (come) to the forest. The knights **7** _____ (be) ready and they began to fight!

After three hours, Emily was worried. 'They **8** _____ (fight) for me! Who **9** _____ (be) my husband?

When **10** _____ ((they) stop)?'

1 had; 2 said; 3 see; 4 are marrying; 5 I'll tell; 6 came; 7 were; 8 they're fighting; 9 going to be; 10 will they stop.

Answers:



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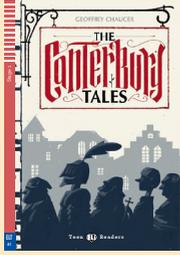
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2 Read the sentences and cross out the incorrect word.

Griselda says yes to the king ~~and~~ / because she wants him to be happy.

- 1 I'll be your wife, and / but I promise to do everything you say.
- 2 Walter and Griselda were very happy but / and the people of the city liked her.
- 3 Walter was happy, because / but he was worried about something.
- 4 'Is Griselda only nice and / because I am the king?' Walter asked.
- 5 The king took her daughter, because / but Griselda didn't change.



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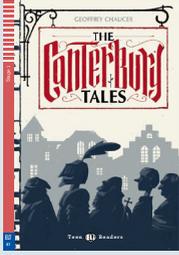
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Test yourself

Answer True or False to these questions.

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| 1 The Franklin's story is a story about people and love. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Dorigen is happy – she is in England but her husband, Arviragus, is in France. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 She doesn't like the black rocks in the sea because they are dangerous. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Dorigen, loves her husband and now she loves Aurelius. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Dorigen tells Aurelius she wants the black rocks to disappear. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Aurelius asks for help from Simon, who will use money to take the rocks away. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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