

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Once upon a time, there lived a very poor shoemaker and his wife.

“This is all the leather I have left,” said the shoemaker sadly. “I can make just one pair of shoes.”



1. Was the shoemaker married?

Yes

No

2. How do you know?

That night, the shoemaker cut the leather. “I’ll make these shoes in the morning,” he said. So he cut the leather and went to bed.

3. When did the shoemaker cut the leather?

That night.

That morning.

At lunchtime.

That afternoon.

4. What did the shoemaker do after he had cut the leather?

The next morning, the shoemaker came downstairs.

To his amazement, the leather had been made
into a pair of beautiful shoes.

The shoemaker called his wife.

“Did you make these shoes?”

“No,” said his wife, “I did not make those shoes!”

5. What had the leather been made into?

A handbag.

A hat.

A coat.

A pair of beautiful
shoes.

6. How did the shoemaker feel when he saw the shoes?

At that moment, a rich lady came into the shop.

She picked up the shoes.

“These are the most beautiful shoes I have ever seen,” she said.

She gave the shoemaker three gold coins.

7. What kind of lady came into the shop?

A beautiful lady.

A poor lady.

A rich lady.

A proud lady.

Now, from that day to this, those two little elves have helped the shoemaker and his wife to make beautiful shoes. In return, the shoemaker and his wife have made beautiful clothes for the little elves.

And the shoemaker and his wife, and the two little elves all lived happily ever after.

21. What lessons can you learn from this story?

Draw your favourite part of the story.

