

Speed sounds

Vowels Say the sounds in and out of order.

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Word endings Make a list of words with these endings.

ture sure	ous eous cious tious	able ably ible	tion
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Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme. Focus graphemes are circled.

Green words

Note the words that lose 'e' when able is added.

Note how the root of each 'able' word is a proper word, but the root of each 'ible' word is a nonsense word.

remark + able	remarkable	imagine + able	imaginable
value + able	valuable	avail + able	available unavailable
believe + able	believable unbelievable	forget + able	forgettable unforgettable
bear + able	bearable unbearable	comfort + able	comfortable uncomfortable
miser + able	miserable	invis + ible	invisible
poss + ible	possible	horr + ible	horrible
terr + ible	terrible	incred + ible	incredible

Red words

love wear some could buy bought
thought through everyone father any whole

Challenge words

suit course

The invisible clothes

Introduction

Do you know anyone who is too proud to admit they don't know something or to admit they are wrong?

When have you realised you were wrong about something and not wanted to change your mind?

Did you wish afterwards that you had?

A crafty tailor promises to make a vain Emperor a fine suit. The Emperor gives the tailor six bags of gold. The tailor tells the Emperor that the new thread he will use is very special. If a stupid person looks at it the thread will seem invisible. When the Emperor visits the tailor he can see nothing.

Will he admit to being stupid or will he pretend that the suit is all he'd ever dreamed of?

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Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

remarkable

definition:

extraordinary and beautiful

sentence/phrase:

The Emperor of China loved to show off his remarkable silk suits.

vain

to think a lot of yourself

The vain Emperor said yes straight away.

incredible

amazing, beautiful

Isn't it incredible?

suitable

right

I need to buy needles that are suitable for such fine cloth.

announced

said

The next day, the tailor announced that the suit was ready.

admired

really liked

Everyone admired the Emperor's new clothes.

Punctuation to note in this story:

- 1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences*
- 2. Capital letters for names*
- 3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise*
- 4. Speech marks*

The invisible clothes

The Emperor of China loved to show off his remarkable silk suits.

One day, a tailor came to see him.

"I have invented a wonderful new cloth," he said. "If you like, I will weave some for you, and make you the finest suit imaginable."

The vain Emperor said yes straight away. He gave the tailor six bags of gold, so that he could buy the most valuable silk thread available in the city.



The crafty tailor put the gold in his pocket.

Then he said to the Emperor,

"I haven't told you the best thing about this cloth.

If a stupid person looks at it - it will seem to be invisible!"



"Good," replied the Emperor.

"When one of my servants looks at me in my new suit, it will be possible for me to tell if he is stupid. If he is, I can give him the sack!"

The next day, the Emperor went to see how the tailor was getting on.

(Of course, he hadn't really bought any silk thread, and the gold was still in his pocket.)



"Let me show you the cloth I have already made," said the tailor, pretending to spread a length of cloth over a chair.

"Isn't it incredible?"

The Emperor, of course, could see nothing, because there was nothing to see.

He had a horrible thought.

"I can't see the cloth!"

he said to himself miserably.

"That must mean that *I* am stupid!

I'd better pretend I can see it!"

"It's unbelievable!" he said to the tailor.



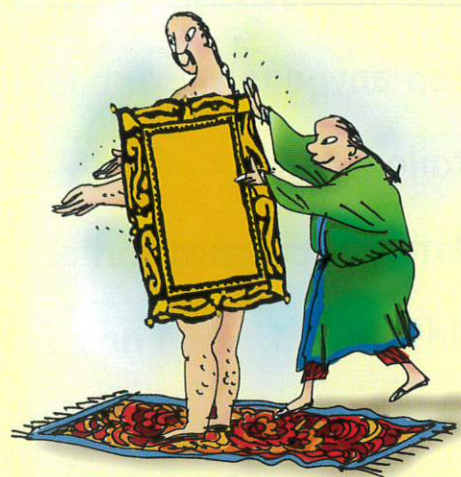
The next day, the Emperor went to see the tailor again.

"I'm starting to make the suit now," said the tailor, pretending to measure the cloth. "Just look at those colours!"

"Unforgettable! Like a rainbow!" said the poor Emperor.

"But I will probably need six more bags of gold," said the tailor, "to buy needles that are suitable for such fine cloth."





The next day, the tailor announced that the suit was ready, and took it to the Emperor's bedroom.

He pretended to hold out the jacket and the trousers, and the Emperor pretended to put them on.

"Very comfortable!" he said.

"I will march through the city in my new suit!"



So there was a grand procession.

Everyone admired the Emperor's new clothes - nobody wanted to say that they were invisible. Then a small boy whispered to his father, "But the Emperor isn't *wearing* any clothes!"

His father repeated it, more loudly:

"The Emperor isn't wearing any clothes!"

Soon, the whole crowd had taken up the terrible cry:

"*The Emperor isn't wearing any clothes!*"

The Emperor began to weep uncontrollably. But he had to finish his unbearable walk through the city - as bare as the day he was born!

Questions to talk about

Re-read the page. Read the question to the children. Tell them whether it is a **FIND IT** question or **PROVE IT** question.

FIND IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find the answer

PROVE IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find your evidence
- ✓ Explain why

Page 9:	FIND IT	Why did the Emperor agree to give the tailor six bags of gold?
Page 10:	PROVE IT	Why is the tailor described as 'crafty'? How would you describe the Emperor?
Page 11:	PROVE IT	How does the tailor trick the Emperor?
Page 12:	PROVE IT	Why is the tailor's trick so clever?
Page 13:	PROVE IT	Why is the Emperor described as 'poor'?
Page 14:	PROVE IT	Why do you think the Emperor wanted to march through the city in his new suit?
Page 15:	PROVE IT	Do you feel sorry for the Emperor or not? Who do you think is more foolish - the Emperor or the crowd who also pretended to see the clothes?

Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

1. How do we know that the Emperor is vain?
2. Why does the Emperor want the special suit?
3. How does the tailor trick the Emperor?
4. Why did the Emperor decide to march through the city?
5. Why did nobody, except a small boy,
want to say that the clothes were invisible?

Speed words

Children practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

length	wonderful	pretending	trousers	tailor
straight	possible	terrible	comfortable	unforgettable
available	miserably	love	wear	father
great	because	thought	through	walk