HAPPILY EVER AFTER

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Synopsis

This is the story of Kate. She likes to play baseball and occasionally imagines that being a princess would be pretty great too. And then it happens. Although unknown to her, she has a magic baseball mitt. While wishing into her mitt about being a princess she becomes one. But Kate is no ordinary princess. The prince is trying to save her, but she helps out by knocking out the black knight with a pot. The prince turns Kate over to a witch and a troll. Kate is her usual spunky way teaches them how to play jacks and other games, and some songs. When the witch and the troll return her to the castle Kate taught the ladies-in-waiting how to play baseball while they waited for the King and prince to return. Kate quickly realized that being a princess wasn’t a life for her and wished herself back home. She learned the truth behind her Aunt’s words, “Be careful what you wish for.”
1. In what time period does this story begin? How do you know that?

2. Kate has two other names. Underline her other names.
   Katherine    Katlynne    Katrina    Katydid

3. Using the description of Kate at the beginning of Chapter 1, draw a picture of her on the back of the paper.

4. What does “vanquished” mean? “And just as I have vanquished your enemies.”

5. What was unusual about Kate’s mitt?

6. If you woke up as a prince or princess in castle times, what would surprise you the most?
1. What does Kate find so boring about being a princess? Use examples from the story to support your answer.

2. How did Kate help the Prince so he could slay the dragon?

3. Why did the dragon appear to be so sure he’d win? Use examples from the story to support your answer.

4. Do you think the prince was happy about Kate knocking out the Black Knight? Explain why you think that.

5. Is Kate happy to be wearing a dress? What in the story makes you think that?
1. List three games Kate taught the witch and troll to play.

2. What reason did the witch give for kidnapping princesses?

3. The witch said, “Handsome is and handsome does.” What does that mean?

4. Why do you think the prince left Kate with the witch?

5. How does Kate act with the witch and the troll? What does that tell us about Kate?

6. Describe the games you like to play with your friends?
1. Why does Kate teach the witch and troll the elephant jokes?

2. Kate wants to make a slit in her dress. Why does she want to do that?

3. Why do you think some of the kidnapped princesses cry when they are told they have to go back to the castle?

4. The knights think Kate is acting differently than a princess usually would. Describe something she does that the knights might think is not princess like.

5. One of Kate’s favorite sayings is “Cheers, big ears.” What is one of your favorite sayings?
1. Kate wants to play baseball. Tell what she makes the equipment out of.

mitts ___________________________________________________

baseball bat _____________________________________________

baseball ________________________________________________

2. Kate learns that being a princess isn't all good. Name three things she'd miss from home if she stayed a princess.

3. The princess in the storybook picture now has a slit up the side of her dress. What do you think that means?

4. Describe one way that you are like Kate or are different from her.

5. Kate said it should be effort that decides who wins not just being the princess. Do you think effort is important when you are doing things? Explain why you think that.
LESSON 1
1. The story begins in modern times. Kate does things that girls might
do today such as play baseball, swing on the monkey bars, and not wear. The illustrations also look like girls today.
2. KATHERINE and KATYDID are the two names that should be underlined.
3. Pictures will vary. Kate has long legs with a scar down the left one, she has brown eyes and frizzy blond-brown hair.
4. Vanquished means to defeat thoroughly, to conquer.
5. Kate’s mitt was magic. If you put your face close to it and made a wish it came true.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 2
1. Kate thought being a princess was boring because she had to listen to the prince keep singing, separating the wheat from the chaff was boring too.
2. Kate helped the prince to slay the dragon by telling him to push the front part of the face mask up to block out the sun from his eyes.
3. The dragon acts confident because the prince is not having much success and he thinks he has his dinner and that Kate who is upstairs will be dessert.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Kate does not seem to be happy wearing a dress. Explanations will vary.

LESSON 3
1. Kate taught the witch and troll to play Jacks, tic-tac-toe, and to do the Hokey-Pokey. They may include sing songs.
2. The witch said they only kidnapped princesses because they were lonely.
3. The statement handsome is as handsome does refers to idea that one’s actions are more important than one’s looks.
4. Answers will vary. The prince isn’t very brave.
5. Answers will vary. The fact that Kate doesn’t cry but seems to make the best of the situation suggests that she is brave, friendly to everyone, and is fun to be around.

6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 4
1. Kate teaches the witch and troll elephant jokes because she doesn’t want to hear them sing the Happy Birthday song any more.
2. Kate wanted to make a slit in her dress so she could run and play baseball.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.

LESSON 5
1. The equipment was made from:
   - Mitts - the leather for the jerkin
   - Baseball bat - big paddle from the cooks
   - Baseball - strips of rags.
2. Kate missed her best friend Sarah, her parents, her baseball coach, her teacher, her dog, and even her brother.
3. Answers will vary. The slit in the picture may suggest that Kate was actually in the story for awhile.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.