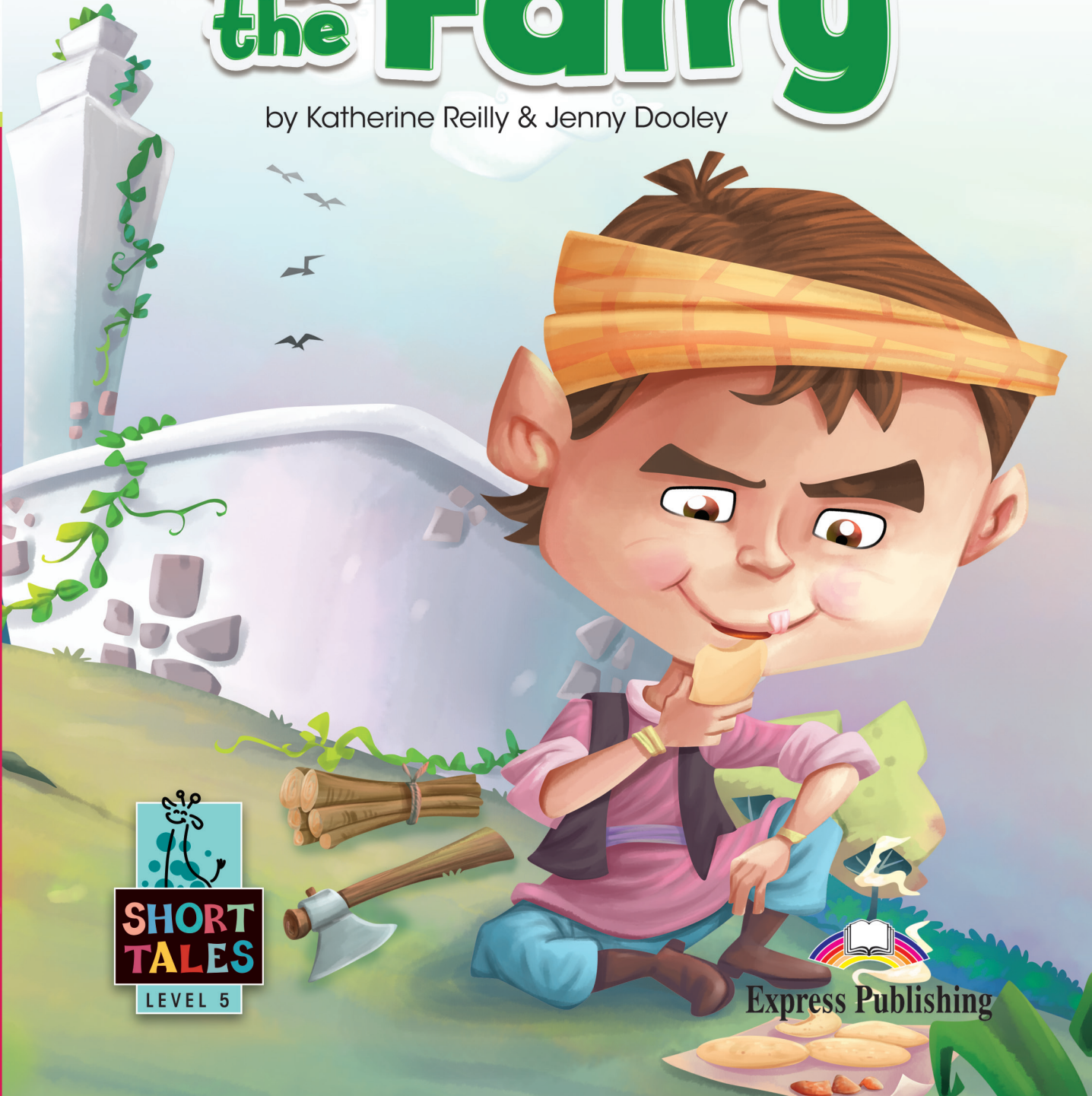


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What does the man
in the picture do?
How can you tell?



Once upon a time, there was a poor woodcutter who lived near a forest. Each morning, he got out of bed, took his axe and went to the forest to chop wood. He had a caring wife who baked bread and pancakes for his lunch.

“Good morning, Wendy! Your pancakes and bread smell delicious!”

“Thank you, William. Don’t eat them now! They’re for your lunch!”

That day William chopped a lot of wood and made a big bundle. He was hungry and it was time for him to eat.

“I’ll enjoy my lunch and get some water from the well,” he thought.

Wendy had baked a lot of pancakes and William couldn’t finish them all. He didn’t want to throw the last one away. “I’ll leave the pancake on the well. If someone is hungry, they can eat it.”



What is William eating?
What did he drink?

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ACTIVITIES

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13 Listen and say.



find



help





greedy



pot

14 Match the questions with the answers.

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------|
| 1 Was Nancy greedy like Nevil? |  | a No, he didn't. |
| 2 Did Fay leave more coins for William? |  | b Yes, she was. |
| 3 Did William find the gold coins? | | c Yes, they did. |
| 4 Did the jealous neighbours want more coins? | | d Yes, she did. |

15 Put the words in the correct order to form complete sentences.

1 told / Nancy / every night / Nevil / to get the coin

Nancy told Nevil to get the coin every night.

2 Fay / William and Wendy / didn't have / thought / any more coins

.....

3 a pot of gold coins / believed / in the well / The greedy neighbours / there was

.....

4 wants / Nevil / tonight / to get / the coins

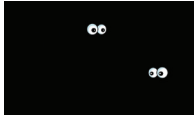
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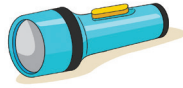
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16 Listen and say.



dark



torch



reach



climb down



deep



bottom



enter



whisper

17 Match the two sentences and write the word for the picture.

What do you do when ...

- 1 it's dark and you can't see?
- 2 you want to see what's inside a room?
- 3 you want to go to the bottom of a well?
- 4 you don't want anybody else to hear you?

- a You
- b You use a
- c You through the door.
- d You inside.



18 Complete the sentences with the correct verb from the boxes to form conditionals.

whisper

climb down

use

open

- 1 If you **use** a torch, you can see in the dark.
- 2 If you the well, you reach the bottom.
- 3 If you that door, you enter a beautiful golden hall.
- 4 If you , they can't hear you.

WORD LIST

axe	flash of light	punishment
bake bread	fresh	reach
bottom	frogs	reward
bundle of wood	generous	rich
chop wood	gold coin	surprised
climb down	grateful	torch
dark	greedy	walk away
deep	help	wave a wand
delicious	hide	well
dresses	jealous	whisper
edge	neighbour	wife
enter	pancakes	woodcutter
fairy	poor	
find	pot	

KEY STRUCTURES in this story:

- Zero/First conditionals
- adjectives expressing feelings
- words related to the forest and woodcutters
- words related to money

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