

Wedding Day

Part A

Fill in this fact file about the happy couple using your knowledge of the story.

The Bride's Name: _____

Likes: _____

Dislikes: _____

Things they love about the groom: _____

Strengths: _____

Weaknesses: _____

The Groom's Name: _____

Likes: _____

Dislikes: _____

Things they love about the bride: _____

Strengths: _____

Weaknesses: _____



Which character do you prefer? The bride or the groom? Explain your answer.

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Part B

Draw and write about the wedding day of Princess Helena and Prince Ivan, using the questions on this sheet to help you with ideas for what to draw and write about.

- What will Prince Ivan and Princess Helena wear?
- Where will the wedding be held?
- Will the firebird be involved? If so, how?
- What will the wedding cake be like?
- Who will be invited?
- Who will not be invited?
- Who will make a speech?
- Will the horse with the golden mane be involved? If so, how?
- What will the invitations say?
- Will there be any entertainment?
- Where will the couple go on honeymoon?

Wedding Day Answers

Part A

The Bride's Name: *Princess Helena*

Likes: *spending time with Ivan, riding on the back of the wolf, animals*

Dislikes: *being scooped up by the wolf*

Things they love about the groom: *calm and reassuring, brave*

Strengths: *adaptable to new situations, brave, helpful*

Weaknesses: *no obvious ones shown so far*

The Groom's Name: *Prince Ivan*

Likes: *adventure, the wolf, being treated fairly, spending time with Helena*

Dislikes: *unfairness, getting into trouble with the wolf*

Things they love about the bride: *her beauty, her caring personality, lots to talk about together*

Strengths: *brave, adventurous*

Weaknesses: *impulsive, doesn't follow instructions*

I prefer Princess Helena as she is an interesting female character and the only female character in the story. She is brave when riding on the grey wolf and her love story with Ivan is interesting.

Part B

Example answers:

I think that Prince Ivan will wear fine clothes and a crown for the wedding and that Princess Helena will wear a wedding dress with lots of jewels. Maybe some of the jewels will be taken from the precious bridle. I think she will wear a headdress made from the feathers of the firebird. I think the wedding will be held in the orchard under the tree that grows golden apples. I think the firebird will be walking around at the wedding, showing the guests her beautiful feathers, parading like a peacock. I think everyone in the kingdom will be invited. I don't think Tsar Dolmat and Tsar Alfron will be invited. I think that Ivan, Princess Helena, her father and Tsar Vislav will make a speech at the wedding. I think that the happy couple will ride away on the back of the horse with the golden mane at the end of the celebration.

Challenge Task

Example answers:

Good afternoon, everyone.

Thank you for coming to the wedding today to share our joy and thank you for the warm welcome we have received since we arrived back in the kingdom recently. It really is great to be back. Thank you to everyone who has been working hard to make today so special. Erik and his team of gardeners have made this orchard and all of the gardens look absolutely fantastic and I'm sure you'll agree that the kitchen staff have prepared a magnificent feast for us all. The guards have been great at making the day run really smoothly and organising everything brilliantly. Thank you to Helena's parents – we hope you are enjoying your stay here in our kingdom. We hope this will be the first of many visits and that you will visit us often. Helena and I are so happy together. I can't believe that the first time I saw my wife, she was in the mouth of a wolf! We have already been on many adventures together and hopefully things will be a little calmer from now on.

As well as my brothers, there is someone I wish could be here today, and that is my dear friend the grey wolf who helped me so much on my quest to find the firebird. Without him, none of this would be possible.