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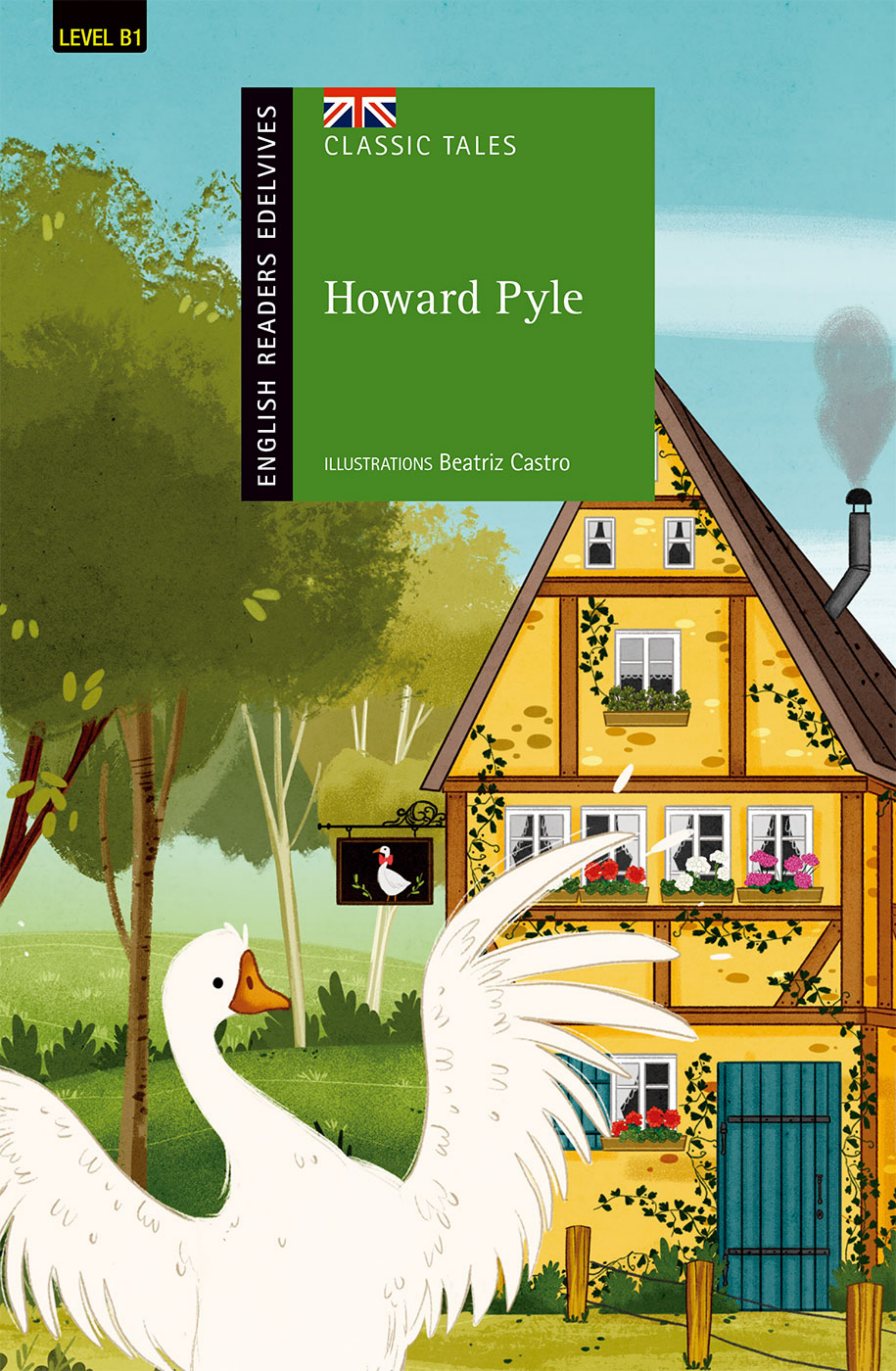
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before reading

- 1 Howard Pyle was not only a writer, but also a well-known artist. He influenced many other painters around the world. **Match** these artists to their nationality.

Norman Rockwell was	Catalan.
Frida Kahlo was	British.
Vincent Van Gogh was	Austrian.
Antoni Gaudí was	Dutch.
Aubrey Beardsley was	American.
Gustave Klimt was	Mexican.

- 2 Pyle's stories and illustrations of pirates and Medieval knights have influenced the way we think about these characters. **Categorise** the following characters under Pirates or Knights.

Bluebeard	Sir Gawain	Calico Jack	Francis Drake
Sir Galahad	Sir Lancelot	Mary Reid	Lady Guinevere
Ching Shih	Joan of Arc		

Pirates	Knights

- 3 Twilight Land is a strange land “between the real world and fantasy”, just as twilight is a time between the day and the night. **Put** these times in chronological order. Begin at midnight.

Midnight Sunrise Sunset Dawn Noon Dusk
Daybreak The Witching Hour Twilight Bedtime

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

- 4 In “Twilight Land”, characters from many famous stories tell each other their tales. **Separate** 5 well-known stories from this word-snake.

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B	N	I												E	R	
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O	T	S	J	A				E	G	I		K	I	L		

The Fruit of Happiness

1 Choose the right answers.

Why did the servant want to leave the wise man's house?

- Because he wanted to work in a better place.
- Because he wanted to do something different.
- Because he needed to make his fortune.

Why did the wise man give the servant the magic pebble?

- Because he thought it might be useful.
- Because he didn't want to give him money.
- Because he had two, so he gave the servant one.

What did the servant learn when he put the pebble into his mouth?

- Where to find the special garden where the fruit of happiness grew.
- Where to find happiness.
- Where to find the person who could take him to the garden.

Why didn't the servant know the man at the stone cross was an angel?

- Because the servant didn't know what angels looked like.
- Because the angel looked like a traveller.
- Because the servant didn't understand the raven's talk.

What did the servant have to promise the angel?

- He had to promise not to ask questions, no matter what he saw.
- He had to promise to question the angel about what he saw.
- He had to promise never to speak during the journey.

during reading

- 2 **Add** the right adjective to complete the description of the young man's story.

alone beautiful delicious good noble sad sweet

The travellers stopped at a _____ house and the angel played _____ music on his pipe. The owner of the house was a _____ young man who invited the travellers to a _____ feast. He told them how his _____ wife and his _____ friends had all left him, and now he lived _____.

- 3 **Put** the angel's actions in order.

- He hit the ground with his stick and was carried up to heaven.
- He paid the robbers for their dinner - with the ruby ring.
- He played magic music to make everyone fall asleep.
- He set fire to the poor little house.
- He stole the ruby ring.
- He threw the widow's son into the torrent.

- 4 **Answer** the questions that the servant asked.

How did the widow get a palace and clothes fit for a queen?

How did the poor man and woman build a beautiful new house?

How did the robbers die?

Why was the young man happy again?

5 **Explain** which part of the story surprised you the most.

The magic pebble

The angel

The young man and the ring

The old woman and the robbers

The poor man and his wife

The widow and her son

6 **Draw** the valley with the garden with the fruit of happiness.



during reading

Wisdom's Wages and Folly's Pay

- 1 Decide if these words and expressions describe Doctor Simon Agricola or Babo or both of them.

happy old clothes rich hungry poor
magic surprised common sense

Doctor Simon Agricola	Babo

- 2 **Think** about these events in the story and write your answers to these questions.

Babo asked Simon Agricola for a hot coal.

Why did Babo want the coal? _____

How did Babo carry the coal? _____

Was it magic? _____

Was Agricola surprised? _____

Agricola told Babo to pick up a big stone.

Why did Agricola pick up the stone? _____

Why didn't Babo pick up a stone? _____

What happened when Agricola took the stone out of his bag?

Was it magic? _____

Was Babo happy? _____

The next day, Babo picked up a stone as big as his head.

Why did Babo pick up the stone? _____

Why didn't Agricola pick up a stone? _____

Was the gallows with the dead man real? _____

Was Babo hungry? _____

3 **Decide** if these sentences are True (**T**) or False (**F**).

The blacksmith sold his shop to Simon Agricola.

The nobleman asked Agricola to make him young again.

Agricola put the nobleman in the fire.

When Agricola took the nobleman out, he was dead.

The blacksmith asked Babo to make him young again.

Babo put the old woman in the fire.

When Babo took the old woman out, she was dead.

4 **Find** these numbers in the next part of the story. What do they refer to?

4th _____

2,000 _____

1 _____

6 _____

200 _____

0 _____

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- 5 **Choose** the correct meaning of the things Agricola says to Babo.

“Born a fool, live a fool, die a fool,” means...

- Life will get better if you try hard.
- If you are not intelligent when you are young, you will probably continue that way all your life.
- If you do not want to be sensible when you are old, study hard now.

“Think well! Think well! Before you do what you are going to do, think well” means...

- Be careful when you take decisions.
- Stay healthy.
- Don't forget what you have to do.

- 6 **Match** the beginnings and endings to make the last part of the story.

While Babo was asleep...

because he heard Babo's advice.

As soon as Babo shouted Agricola's advice...

the fool became a rich and happy man.

When the king's officers saw Babo with the chest of money...

two thieves were arguing about what to do with their chest of gold.

The royal barber confessed to the plan to kill the king...

they took him to the king.

After the king bought Babo's advice...

the thieves ran away.

- 7 Do you think wisdom's wages or folly's pay was better? **Give** a reason for your answer.

All Things are as Fate Wills

- 1 **Identify** which words describe the old king and which describe the young king.

not such a bad man richer wiser greater dead
frightened of being too proud very proud of his own greatness

The old king was

The young king was

- 2 **Complete** the young king's plan.

bring make ordered paint write prove

The young king _____ his men to _____ over his father's message, and to _____ his own message on the wall. To _____ the truth of his words, he ordered his men to _____ a poor beggar, and he promised to _____ him rich.

- 3 Do you **agree** or **disagree** with the title of the story? Why?

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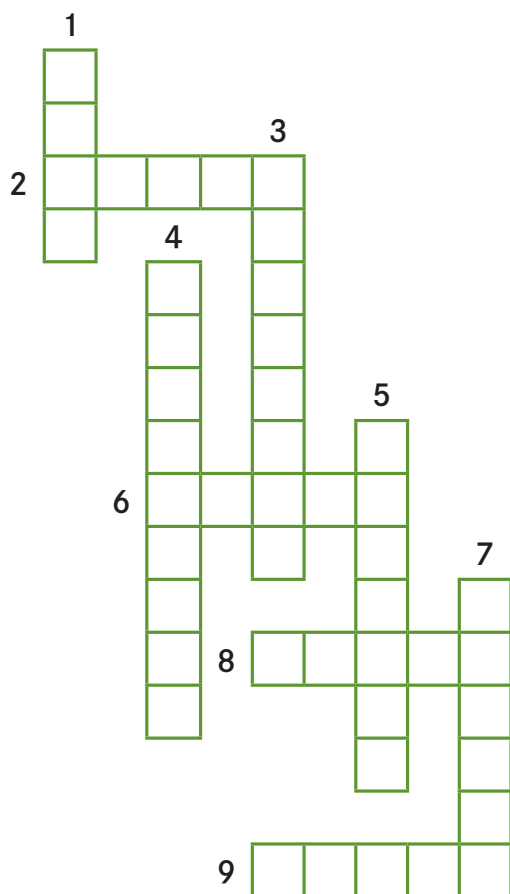
4 Write a list of the things the young king gave the beggar.



5 Tick who did what.

The beggar	The fishermen	The king	The hangman	
				gave the beggar the magic purse.
				gave the beggar the rich clothes.
				drank too much wine.
				fell into the river.
				took the magic purse.
				took the rich clothes.
				pulled the beggar into the palace.
				threw the chest into the sea.
				fell into the sea.

6 **Fill in** the crossword with the missing words.



Across

2. When the king saw the beggar he understood his father's _____

6. The chest floated across the sea for _____ days.

8. The beggar was _____ when he got out of the chest.

9. The beggar was not frightened by the letters the colour of _____.

Down

1. The beggar saw a beautiful _____ on a hill.

3. Two _____ stopped him at the town gate.

4. The _____ lady was the Queen of the Golden Mountains.

5. The young king was invited to the _____.

7. When he walked through the _____ door, the beggar saw a splendid hall.

after reading

1 Match these people from the stories with their definitions.

Beggar	An imaginary character who wrote fairy tales and nursery rhymes.
Blacksmith	A woman whose husband has died.
Fool	The person who makes things out of iron, like shoes for horses.
Hangman	A poor person who asks for food and money to live.
Innkeeper	A person who is not sensible or intelligent.
Mother Goose	The man whose job it was to kill criminals, by hanging them from a gallows.
Widow	The person who looks after a small hotel and the people who stay there.

2 Fill the gaps in the descriptions of Twilight Land and the Real World.

In Twilight Land the birds and the frogs were s_____ their good-night songs. The sky was p_____ and gray, and the moon looked like a big g_____ bubble. The road was g_____, and the trees were dark.

The lovely Land of Twilight disappeared, like a breath disappearing from a m_____. I opened my eyes and saw the yellow l_____ of my lamp. I heard real p_____ and the f_____ crackling and snapping in the fireplace.

I was sitting in my c_____; and it was time for the children to go to b_____.

- 3 The three stories are told by different characters from legends and tales. **Write** the names of the narrator next to their story.

_____ told a story about an angel and a poor man who travelled with him, and all the wonderful things the poor man saw the angel do.

_____ told a story about how a king learned that Fate, not humans, controls our destiny.

_____ told a story about a wise man and a fool who went out into the world to make their fortune.

- 4 **Choose** what the listeners and narrators said about the stories.

The Blacksmith liked / didn't like St. George's story.

The Blacksmith preferred stories with a sad / happy ending.

Nobody / Everybody liked the Blacksmith's story.

The Blacksmith / Boots promised that his story was true.

Boots' story made everybody think / laugh.

- 5 Each story has a message for the listener. **Order** the words to make the messages.

of happiness,
"Many people

but few
the fruit

have found it."
have looked for

are going
think carefully!"

what you
you do

to do,
"Before

stronger
human

"Destiny
than

plans."
is

after reading

6 **Put** the characters into the right story.

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| angel | hangman | robbers |
| beggar | king | robbers |
| blacksmith | king | young man |
| chief councillor | poor man | widow |
| fishermen | queen | wise man |
| fool | rich man | |

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7 **Imagine** you were sitting in the Inn of the Sign of Mother Goose. What story would you tell your companions in Twilight Land?
