

The Good Luck Clothes

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Inéz liked to climb trees. She liked to ride her bike. She liked to rollerskate. She liked to do these things. But her clothes did not. Her shirt was ripped. Her jeans were ripped. Her jacket was ripped. Even her cap was ripped.

Inéz's father looked at her clothes. "You need new ones," he said. "Those look like rags."

"Oh, no!" cried Inéz. "My clothes bring me good luck. I want to keep them always."

Inéz's grandfather was visiting that day. "Give them to me, Inéz," he said. "I will fix them so that you can keep them always."

And that's exactly what he did. He took the clothes and began to cut. He cut a piece here. He cut a piece there. He cut and he cut, piece after piece. Then he sewed all the pieces together. He made them into a beautiful quilt.

Now Inéz uses that quilt every night. And it always brings her good luck.

COMPREHENSION

A Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 Another good name for this story is
 - a A Quilt from Rags.
 - b Old Clothes Must Go!
- 2 Inéz really wanted to
 - a stop ripping her clothes.
 - b keep on having good luck.
- 3 Grandfather helped Inéz keep her clothes by
 - a turning them into something new.
 - b making them look like new clothes.
- 4 You know Inéz liked her quilt because she
 - a said it was beautiful.
 - b used it every night.
- 5 The quilt brings Inéz good luck because it
 - a is made from her lucky clothes.
 - b keeps her warm every night.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B *Airplane* is a word that is made from two words, *air* and *plane*. *Airplane* is called a compound word. Put each set of two words together to make a compound word. Write the word.

- 1 out + side = _____
- 2 back + yard = _____
- 3 bed + room = _____
- 4 week + end = _____
- 5 up + stairs = _____



LEARN ABOUT WORDS *(continued)*

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Inéz climbed a tree in her _____.
- 7 She always likes to play _____ in the backyard.
- 8 While Inéz's grandfather was downstairs, she was _____ in her bedroom.
- 9 He was in his _____ making a quilt.
- 10 Inéz will visit her grandfather next _____.

THINK ABOUT IT

D Inéz was as **fast** as a **squirrel**.

This sentence helps you understand how fast Inéz was. The phrase "as fast as a squirrel" is a figure of speech. It is a different way of saying that Inéz was very fast.

Choose the word from the first two sentences that best fits in the blank.

- 1 A bee is busy. A pig is lazy. Inéz's grandfather was as busy as a _____.
- 2 The sun is warm. Ice is cold. Grandfather's smile was as _____ as the sun.
- 3 A rose garden is beautiful. A mud hole is ugly. The quilt was as _____ as a rose garden.
- 4 A mouse is quiet. A dog is loud. Inéz is as quiet as a _____ when she sleeps.
- 5 A bear is hungry. A cat is sleepy. Inéz is always as hungry as a _____ when she comes home.