

Twilight Fairies

INTRODUCE THE BOOK

Place the following objects in a bag: a flower, picture or figurine of a fairy, balloon, party decoration or invitation, stuffed cat, birthday candle and wrapped gift. Either have students guess each object before you remove it from the bag (with clues), or just pull them out, telling students that these are important objects in a book you're about to share. Can they imagine how the objects might fit in? What might the story be about?

EXAMINE THE STORY

1. What does the first line of the book remind you of? How is it different?
2. Name at least 2 things that the fairies love.
3. Why didn't Miranda decide to serve hot dogs at her party?
4. Why does the back garden look especially wonderful when the guests arrive?
5. On the page with the girls dancing, there are two made-up words. What are they, and what do you think each one means?
6. How does Sam feel at the end of the party?
Why?
7. Find the illustration of the fairies on the table with the giant piece of cake.
Describe what they are doing.
8. How do the cat and the frogs react to the fairies?

EXTEND THE STORY

1. Choose a fairy from any page in the story and describe:
what it is thinking,
what it is planning on doing,
what it thinks of the party
whatever is in its head!
2. Imagine what Miranda, “now an old, old woman”, does now with the fairies on her birthday.
3. Using any 4 of these words from the story, write your own short story.
 enchanting slumbered
 frolic sleepydust
 crinkly cobwebs
 windstruck fragrant
 meander dewdrops
 bliss gossamer
4. What might the fairies have done at the party if Miranda had chosen to go swimming? Bowling?
5. You are Sam. Write about the party as you see it. What do you think about your little sister’s party idea? Who does all that extra decorating? What’s going on?

LINKS TO OTHER SUBJECTS

ART

There are many, many ways to draw fairies. What does your idea of a fairy look like? Is it a boy or girl, or does it matter? Does it look like a young child, or a completely different creature? What does it wear? Where does it live?

Using a shoebox, make a diorama of your ideal birthday party. Who do you invite? Where are you? What activities do you do? What do you eat?

RESEARCH

Pick one supernatural creature – fairies, elves, trolls, etc. and research their background, from which country(countries?) they came, what powers they have, and anything else you find interesting.

Find out about midsummer. When is it? What special customs or traditions surround it?

RELATED BOOKS

About fairies:

Fairy by David Bouchard (Orca, 2001)

Grandfather Twilight by Barbara Berger (Scholastic Inc., 1984)

What Do the Fairies Do With All Those Teeth? By Michel Luppens
(Scholastic Canada Ltd., 1989)

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FAIRIES
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SAM
TWILIGHT

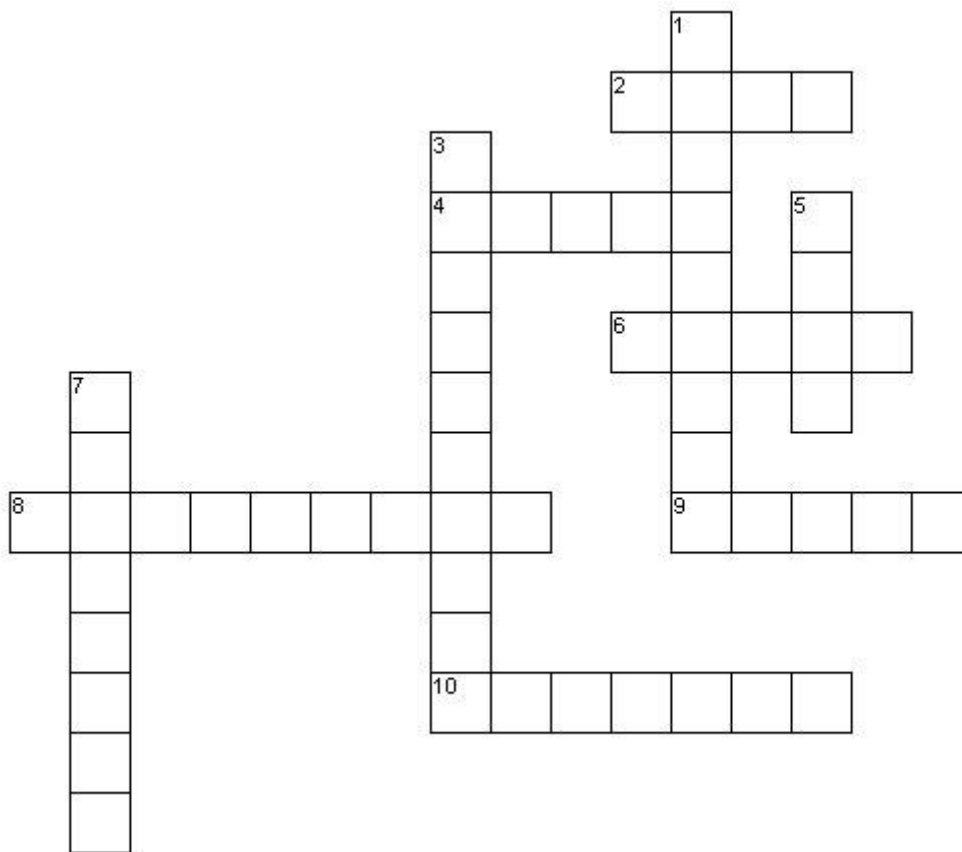
BIRDBATH
GARDEN
MIRANDA
SHADOWS
WILDFLOWERS

BIRTHDAY
INVITATIONS
RAINDROPS
TINKLEHUM
WINDSTRUCK

Word Search Solution

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ACROSS

2. The fairies live in the _____ garden.
4. Miranda is now an old _____.
6. The _____ leap over the fairy dust.
8. When is Miranda's birthday?
9. The fairies like to _____ during the day.
10. She believes in fairies.

DOWN

1. The fairies like breezy nights and _____.
3. Miranda could hear the _____ of the fairies at her party.
5. Hot _____ and fairies do not mix.
7. When the fairies come out to play.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

