

Princess Posy

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Princess Posy spent her days brushing her hair and playing with her pink pet pony. She spent her nights propped on her pillows, dreaming of...dragon hunting.

“No,” said the king. “Absolutely not. No daughter of mine will be a dragon hunter.”

“He’s right, dear,” said the queen. “It’s most improper for a princess. After all, you are practically perfect. It would be a shame to ruin your twinkly-twirl dresses with dragon slime.”

But Princess Posy didn’t mind a little slime. So the next time the king assembled his royal dragon hunters, she rode in on her pink pony. Everyone laughed.

“Practically perfect princesses *don’t* hunt dragons,” they said. “You’ll tangle your long flowing hair.”

But Princess Posy didn't mind a little tangle. So she didn't listen to the laughter. She rode off after the royal dragon hunters while her parents sighed and shook their heads.

"At least tie back your hair, dear," called the queen.

"And take a real horse," added the king. But Princess Posy didn't listen.

The royal hunters approached the dragon's cave with their shiny armor and pointy spears. The first was blown back by a puff of smoke. The second was scared off by a blast of flame. The third was swiped by a claw. He ran back to the castle in tears.

Princess Posy was delighted. Because she had noticed something the others had not. The dragon was pink!

Armed with the perfect bait of strawberry sparkle ice cream, she rode to the mouth of the cave on her pink pony. She lassoed the dragon with her long flowing hair. Ta-da!

Princess Posy was perfect. She was just as a princess should be. She had twinkly-twirl dresses with dragon slime trim. She had long flowing hair, which made a convenient leash to walk her pet pink dragon. She had a high bed with lacy sheets and fluffy-puff pillows. There she and her friends, pony and dragon, snuggled together and ate ice cream. Strawberry sparkle, of course!



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 - b. With a lasso
 - c. With spears
 - d. With slime

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 - b. With its flame
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Instructions for teachers:

These questions can be used to assess understanding of the reading passage.

The item in bold is the correct answer for each question.

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