

Part 1
Listening

Script

Listen to the text. Then put the tales A–E in the order they are mentioned in the text. Use numbers (1–4). There is one extra fairy tale which is not mentioned in the text. You will hear the text twice.

You have 10 seconds to look at the task.

Now we are ready to start.

Russian Fairy Tales

Russian fairy tales are some of the oldest and richest in the world. Russian children love them. Almost all of them have a happy ending and the good characters win over the bad ones.

Most tales are about people. Baba Yaga is a bad witch. She is an old woman who is very thin and has a blue nose. Baba Yaga eats people, but she also helps those who help her. Another famous character is Ivan the Fool. Ivan is not lucky and people think he is silly. In the story *Ivan The Fool and The Magic Pony* Ivan gets a magic horse that makes his life better. At the end of the story Ivan becomes a tsar! Another famous story is *The Frog Princess*, where a frog becomes a beautiful princess and marries a prince.

Some fairy tales are about animals or objects. *Teremok – The Fly’s Castle* – is about a lot of animals who build a small house and live there together. *Kolobok* is the story of a cake that comes to life and goes out into the world to have adventures. The story is called *The Gingerbread Man* in English.

Russian fairy tales have many different and interesting characters. What is your favourite?

You have 20 seconds to do the task.

Now listen to the text again.

You have 15 seconds to check your answers.

This is the end of Part 1.