

Adding style and cohesion – A folk tale

The princess and the frog

One warm summer's evening, a beautiful, young princess, feeling bored and lonely in the grand rooms of the palace, decided to take a walk in the nearby wood. With her, she took her favourite plaything, a golden ball, which she loved to **toss** up in the air and catch. After a while, she **happened upon** a shady pool of spring water, so she sat herself down to enjoy the cool and started **idly** throwing her golden ball high in the air, watching it **glint** in the evening sunlight – she reached out to catch it, but **dazzled** by the brightness of the sun, she missed and it splashed down into the centre of the pond. **Distraught**, the princess **leapt** to her feet and, looking down into the black depths of the water, she began to **weep**, 'Alas!', she **lamented**, 'if I could only get my ball again, I'd give all my fine clothes and jewels, and everything that I have in the world.'

No sooner had she finished speaking when a frog's head **popped up** out of the water.

