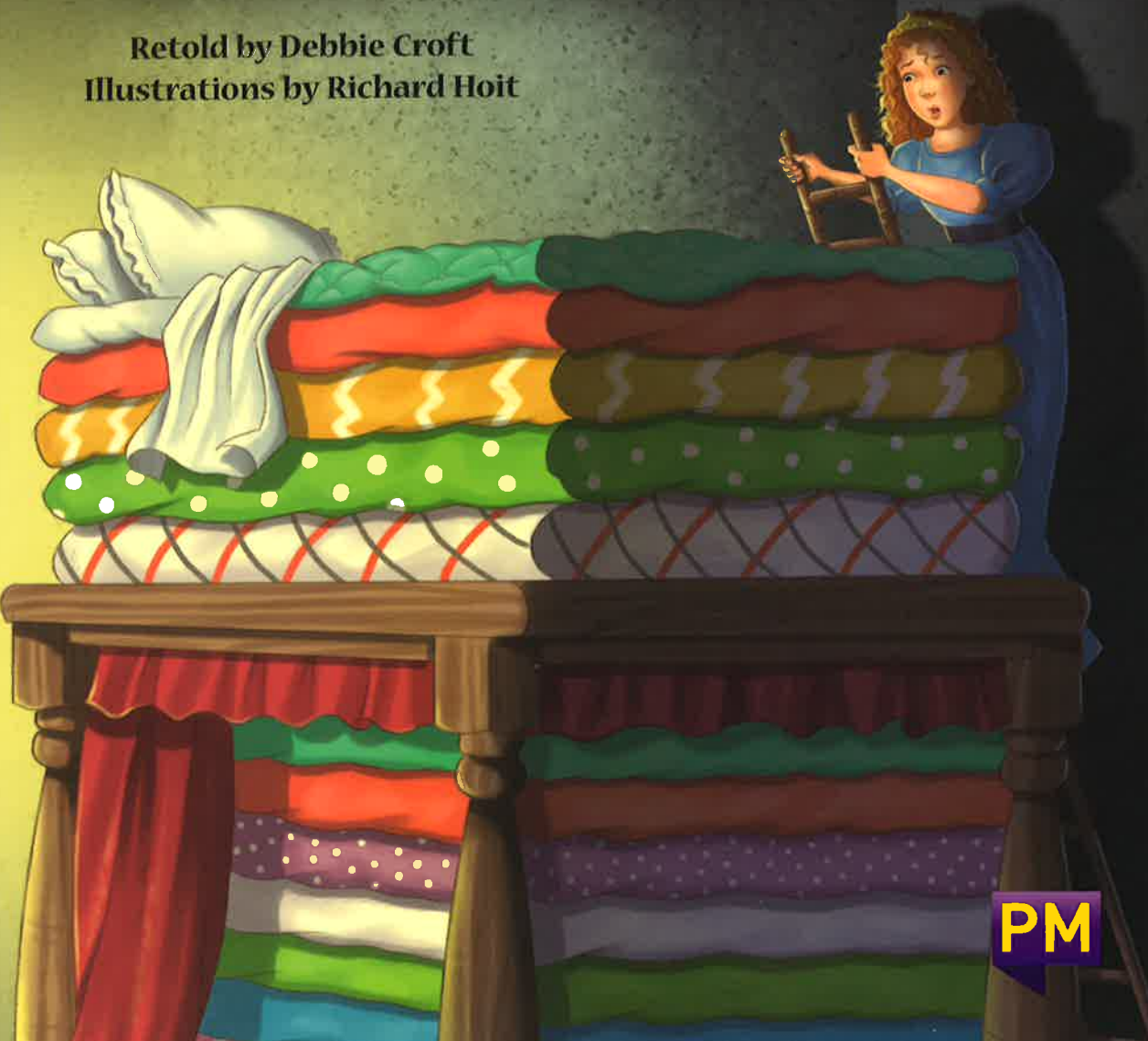
The Princess and the Pea

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Level 18

Running Words 504 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Literacy; Literature

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

What did the princess do when the King took her inside the palace?

How many mattresses did the Queen put on the bed?

Why didn't the princess sleep very well?

How did the Queen know this was a real princess?

Inferential

Why was the Prince sad when he came home?

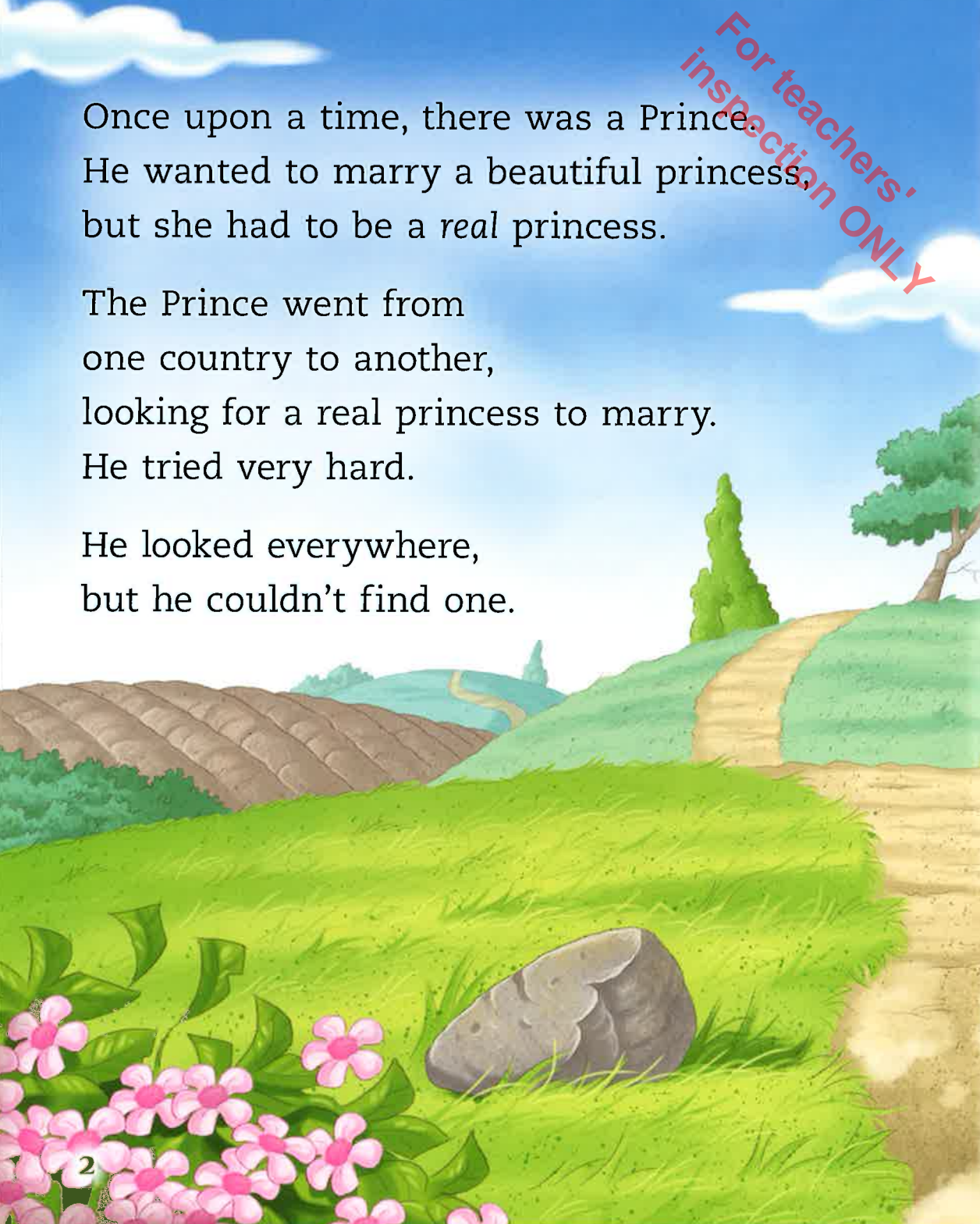
Why was the King surprised to see a princess at the palace gates?

Why did the Queen tiptoe upstairs?

Why did the Queen put her best quilts on the bed for the princess?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 18	Card	Play	*The Unhappy Princess*
Level 17	Book	Narrative	*The Sun and the Sea*



Once upon a time, there was a Prince.
He wanted to marry a beautiful princess,
but she had to be a *real* princess.

The Prince went from
one country to another,
looking for a real princess to marry.
He tried very hard.

He looked everywhere,
but he couldn't find one.

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The Prince was sad.
He came home again,
but he still wanted to marry a real princess.

"There are lots of beautiful princesses,"
he said to his parents, the King and Queen.
"But I don't know if they are *real* princesses.
Every time I meet one, she tells me
that she doesn't want to leave her home
and live in our palace."

"Why not?" said the Queen, crossly.
"We have a lovely palace!"

The King smiled at the Prince and said,
"I think that a *real* princess
would want to marry a prince like you."



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That night, there was a wild storm.
Lightning flashed across the sky,
and thunder rattled the windows
at the palace.
Rain was falling heavily.

Suddenly, the bell
at the palace gate rang loudly.
The King rushed out to unlock the gate.

To his surprise,
he saw a princess standing there!
She was shivering in the cold.
There was water running off her coat
and dripping down into her shoes.