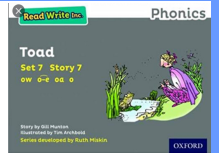


# Toad



*Princess Joan lived in a palace by a lake. She was very pretty, and her father the king often boasted about her good looks.*

*This is Joan's story.*

One day, I was roaming round the palace grounds, bouncing my ball amongst the oak trees. I went down the narrow road to the lake, I watched the sailing boats, and then I began throwing the ball into the air and catching it again. But the ball fell into the lake. Cross with myself, I watched it sink below the shadowy water. Then a voice spoke to me - a croaky voice, quit close by: "What's wrong, Princess Joan? You woke me up with your moaning and groaning!"

It was a toad!

1) Tick (✓) the best answer. What does boasted mean?

To sing. \_\_\_\_\_

To show off. \_\_\_\_\_

2) Tick (✓) the best answer. What does roaming mean?

To walk and wander around. \_\_\_\_\_

To go shopping. \_\_\_\_\_

3) Tick (✓) the best answer. What' does narrow mean?

Wide. \_\_\_\_\_

Thin. \_\_\_\_\_

4) Is it true? Write **Yes** or **No**.

Joan lived on a farm. \_\_\_\_\_

Joan lived next to a lake. \_\_\_\_\_

Joan lived behind a river. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Finish the sentence.

Joan was cross with herself when \_\_\_\_\_

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6) Tick (✓) the best answer.

The toads voice was

quiet. \_\_\_\_\_

croaky. \_\_\_\_\_

booming. \_\_\_\_\_

7) What was Princess Joan playing with?

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