Popular Fairy Tales

*Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp*, Author Unknown: This story follows the adventures of Aladdin from a poor boy living on the streets to becoming a prince, thanks to the help of a magic lamp.

*Alice’s Adventure in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll: The adventures of a young girl named Alice who falls down a rabbit hole into a surreal world filled with strange creatures.

*The Angel*, by Hans Christian Anderson: In this tale, a child who has passed away spends time with an angel gathering flowers at various places on Earth to take to heaven.

*Bearskin*, by the Brothers Grimm: This dark tale tells of a man who makes an agreement with the devil to live in a bearskin without bathing or praying for seven years in return for wealth and freedom. During the seven years, he finds true love that transcends outer appearance.

*Beauty and the Beast*, Jeanne-Marie Le Prince de Beaumont: In this story, a beautiful young girl agrees to live in a castle with a hideous beast in order to save her father's life. However, she later falls in love with the beast - who is actually a handsome prince who has been cursed.

*The Boy who Cried Wolf*, from Aesop's Fables: A cautionary tale about what happens when a child repeatedly lies and plays a prank.

*The Child who Came from an Egg*, from the Violet Fairy Book: This is a story about a beautiful girl born from a bird’s egg which was given to a childless queen.

*Cinderella*, by the Brothers Grimm: This rags to riches fairy tale follows Cinderella from her time serving as a maid to her cruel stepmother and stepsisters to a visit from her fairy godmother, who ultimately helps her marry a prince.

*The Crystal Ball*, by the Brothers Grimm: When a witch turns her sons into a whale and an eagle, a crystal ball is the only thing that can break the spell.

*The Donkey*, by the Brothers Grimm: This is the tale of a lute-playing donkey born to a lonely king and queen.

*The Elves and the Shoemaker*, by the Brothers Grimm: The story of a group of resourceful elves who help a shoemaker by making him shoes to sell and give to the needy.

*The Emperor's New Clothes*: A good lesson in pride, this story is about a king who is convinced by his tailors that he's wearing beautiful clothes, when in fact he's completely naked.
The Fir Tree, by Hans Christian Anderson: This story tells of a bored fir tree growing in the forest that is cut down for Christmas. The tree is thrilled to be decorated and made the center of attention but soon longs for his old life when the holiday is over and he's left outside in the cold.

The Fisherman and His Wife, by the Brothers Grimm: When a fish who is a magic prince agrees to grant three wishes to a fisherman and his wife, the wife gets greedy and they both end up with nothing.

The Frog Prince, by the Brothers Grimm: After a princess makes friends with a frog, the frog transforms into a prince.

The Gingerbread Man, Author unknown: A confident gingerbread man successfully escapes several animals who want to eat him, only to be outwitted by a hungry fox.

Golden Goose, by the Brothers Grimm: A man who performs a good deed is rewarded with a goose with golden feathers. Greedy people who try to pluck a feather stick to the goose, making a sad princess laugh.

The Story of the Three Bears, by Robert Southey: When a family of three bears goes for a walk in the woods, they return home to find someone has invaded their home.

The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs, one of Aesop's Fables: A goose that lays golden eggs is killed by its greedy owners in order to get a large amount of gold at once. The owners learn there is no gold inside the goose and they'll never have gold again.

The Ugly Duckling, by Hans Christian Anderson: This popular fairy tale tells the story of a ugly duckling who is horribly mocked. His mockers are shocked and ashamed when he turns into a beautiful swan.

Hansel and Gretel, by the Brothers Grimm: Hansel and Gretel are left to fend for themselves in the forest and lured by a witch into a house made of candy.

Jack and the Beanstalk, Benjamin Tarbart: Jack's mother is furious when he sells their cow for a handful of beans and she throws them out the window. The beans turn into a stalk that reaches the clouds that takes Jack on a great adventure.

King Thrushbeard, the Brothers Grimm: A snobbish princess must marry a poor man and is forced to work as a servant for a king she once snubbed.

The Little Match Girl, by Hans Christian Anderson: A dying little girl forced to sell matches on the streets in the freezing cold sees visions of her dead grandmother. The girl lights match after match to keep the vision of her grandmother alive until her grandmother carries the little girl to heaven.

The Little Mermaid, by Hans Christian Anderson: A mermaid who longs to be human makes a pact with a witch but ends up sacrificing her physical life for true love.

Little Red Riding Hood, Charles Perrault: A little girl traveling through the woods to take food to her sick grandmother is tricked by a wolf who wants to eat her.
The Nightingale, by Hans Christian Anderson: An emperor becomes obsessed with the sound of a mechanical nightingale instead of a live one. But when the emperor becomes sick, it’s the tune of the live nightingale that saves him.

The Story of Pretty Goldilocks, by Madame d'Aulnoy: This is the tale of a beautiful girl with golden hair who married a king but remained in love with someone else. After a spell kills the king, Goldilocks is free to marry her true love.

The Princess and the Pea, by Hans Christian Anderson: When a ragged traveler arrives at a castle and claims to be a princess, the queen doesn't believe her. To decide once and for all if the traveler is a real princess, the queen places a pea under a tower of mattresses. When the princess complains about her uncomfortable night's sleep, the queen believes her story.

Puss and Boots, by Charles Perrault: This story is about a cat who tricks and manipulates others in order to marry a princess and become wealthy.

Rapunzel, by the Brothers Grimm: When a beautiful girl is locked away in a tower by an evil witch, the only way anyone can reach her is by climbing her long, golden hair.

Rumpelstiltskin, by the Brothers Grimm: When a miller lies to a king and tells him that his daughter can spin straw into gold, the girl enlists the help of a magical little man. In return, she agrees to give up her firstborn child.

The Sleeping Beauty, by Charles Perrault: A beautiful princess is put under a sleeping spell by an evil fairy and can only be awakened by a brave prince.

Snow White: A jealous stepmother forces Snow White to run into the woods to hide, where she meets up with seven dwarves who take pity on her.

Snow White and Rose Red, the Brothers Grimm: Snow White and Rose Red are poor sisters who befriend a bear who later turns into a prince.

The Steadfast Tin Soldier, by Hans Christian Anderson: This fairy tale follows the adventures of a tin soldier and the ballerina he loves.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff, a Norwegian Fairy Tale: This tale tells of three goats who must cross a bridge which is guarded by a hungry troll.

Thumbelina, by Hans Christian Anderson: This is the story of a tiny girl and her adventures with a variety of animals who wish to marry her.