

Lesson #49

The Steadfast Tin Soldier Part 1

“Tin soldiers!” cried the little boy. Inside the wooden box, 25 identical toy soldiers lay shoulder-to-shoulder. Each wore a splendid uniform of bright red and blue. They were brothers, having come from the same old tin spoon.

The soldiers were a birthday present for the little boy. He took each one out of the box. He stood them all on a table. They were exactly alike, except for one. The toymaker had run out of melted tin. So the last little soldier had only one leg. Still, he was able to stand firmly. This made him very remarkable.

The boy began to play with the other soldiers. Meanwhile, the soldier with one leg stood alone. He gazed upon all the birthday gifts spread across the room. Soon, he spotted a pretty little paper castle on the windowsill. Near the castle, small paper trees encircled a looking-glass lake. Swans swam on the lake. A tiny ballerina stood at the castle door. She wore a beautiful paper dress. There was a blue ribbon around her waist. A lovely silver rose held the ribbon together. The ballerina held her arms up. She stood on one leg. The other was raised very high. The tin soldier could not see her other leg. He thought the ballerina must be just like him.



- CCRA.R.2 1. So far, the story is mostly about _____.
- A) a boy's birthday gifts
 - B) a beautiful ballerina
 - C) people who come to a birthday party
- RL.2.1 2. Why does the author call the tin soldiers *brothers*?
- A) The soldiers have the same mother and father.
 - B) All the soldiers come from the same old tin spoon.
 - C) both A and B
- CCRA.R.1 3. When the soldier sees the ballerina, he thinks she _____.
- A) is made of tin
 - B) has only one leg
 - C) is swimming on a lake
- L.2.4 4. Match each word with its clue.
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| A) looking-glass | _____ amazing |
| B) encircle | _____ outfits that are all the same |
| C) remarkable | _____ in a strong way; not wobbly |
| D) uniforms | _____ mirror |
| E) firmly | _____ go around; surround |
- RL.2.1 5. Why does one of the soldiers have only one leg?
- A) One of his legs broke off.
 - B) The toymaker ran out of tin.
 - C) The last soldier is always different from the others.
- RL.2.1 6. The soldiers are made out of tin.
The castle and ballerina are made of _____.
- stones paper glass flowers
- RL.2.1 7. Why does the tiny ballerina stand on one leg?
- A) She has only one leg.
 - B) She wants to be like the soldier.
 - C) She is a dancer.