

☺ Long ago, there lived a young **princess** with **golden** hair, who was so beautiful that the sun would smile whenever it saw her. Often, the **princess** would smile back. But sometimes she would shout, “Stop being so hot!”

You see, while this **princess** was usually very nice, sometimes she was not as friendly as she could be.



☺ One day, the king gave the **princess** a ball.

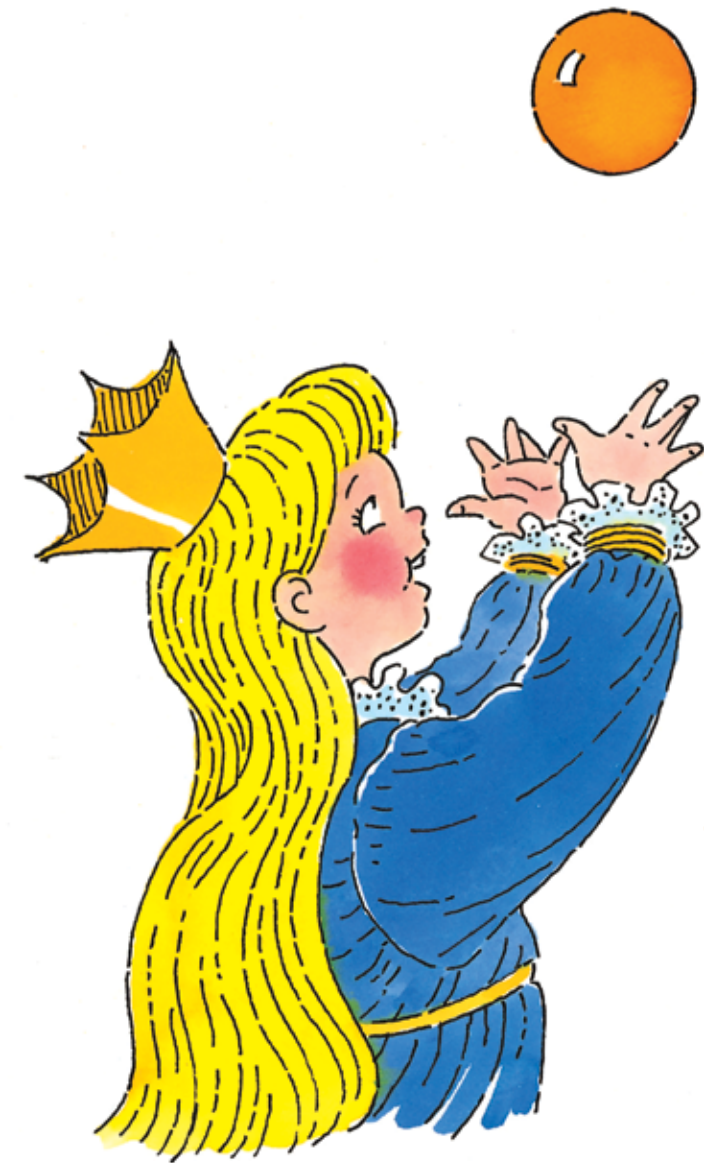
It was a **golden** ball.

She loved her new ball.

She played with it every day.



☉ One warm and sunny afternoon, the princess took her golden ball and wandered into the nearby forest, a place she had promised never to go. She began to play, tossing the ball into the air and catching it in her hand.



☉ The ball went up.
The ball came down.
Up and down. Up and down.
And then . . . she missed.



☹️ Plunk! The ball fell to the ground.

Splash! It rolled into a nearby spring.

Glug! It sank into the cold, **deep** water.

“Oh, no!” cried the princess.



☹️ She looked into the **deep** water.

But she could not see her golden ball.

The golden ball was gone.



☹️ The princess began to cry. Louder and louder she wailed! Suddenly, a raspy voice called out, “Excuse me, Princess. Is something wrong?”

There in the spring, with its big **head** stretching out of the water and its thin **arms** reaching over the rim, was a frog.



☹️ The princess jumped back. She did not like big **heads**. She did not like thin **arms**. She did not like frogs.