

Dear Mr. Sleeping Cutie,

It has come to our attention that you have failed to pay your council tax on your property at 1 Palace Boulevard for the past 150 years. As a direct result, you now owe three-thousand and seventy-six gold pieces. We trust that you will understand just how important these taxes are. They go towards paying for your personal guard protection; the cleaning out of the horses and royal dogs; the emptying of the royal bins and, not least the royal budget for lost-slipper-relocation.

While we take on board the argument put forward by your solicitor, we do not accept that being asleep for these 150 years is a valid excuse. After all, you have still been living in the property. Similarly, it isn't anybody else's fault that you chose you to prick your finger on a poisoned spinning wheel. Did it not seem suspicious that a strange wheel had appeared in your tower?

In light of this evidence, however, we have made contact with the Wicked Queen. She has denied all involvement in the scheme and simply wishes to be left alone. It is apparent that she is an odious creature, but without any evidence, we are unable to pursue this avenue of investigation. She deeply regrets threatening to cast a curse on you when you were born and hopes you can make amends moving forward.

Your solicitor has made it clear that the sleeping curse isn't permanent. He also made the point that you intend to pay tax as soon as you are woken from your slumber. Unfortunately, the council doesn't have the luxury of waiting for a strapping young princess to come and wake you with love's first kiss. Quite frankly, it sounds like a load of nonsense and simply an excuse to get out of paying these taxes. There is no known scientific reason why a kiss of any kind would remove such a curse.

We do know that the sheriff is looking into the situation. He has promised to update us with any news. If found guilty, it is likely the Evil Queen will be forced to bathe in a tub of vipers. Hopefully, that might lift the curse.

Moving forward, we hope that you and your solicitor will understand the difficult situation we are in. Your circumstances are unfortunate, but we cannot afford to ignore such substantial debt. We trust that you will both make every effort to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

The Councillors of Make Believe

### Reading task:

1. Where does Sleeping Cutie live?
2. What do the taxes contribute towards?
3. How long had Sleeping Cutie been asleep?
4. Is there any scientific evidence that a kiss could wake the prince?
5. Who wrote the letter?
6. Explain which features help you to recognise this as a letter.
7. What does the word "odious" tell us about the Wicked Queen?
8. How do the councillors feel about the idea of waiting for love's first kiss?
9. If you could write a letter back from Sleeping Cutie, what would be your main argument?
10. Why do you think the Wicked Queen wants to be left alone?

### Writing task:

Today, I want to give you time to do something we haven't given you lots of time to do during this lockdown. Edit and re-draft! A REALLY important skill to master. So, taking your story from yesterday, I want you to edit and improve it.

If you have written lots and it seems like a lot to edit and you're wondering where to start, here are some sections for you to work through. Only concentrate on the section you are on at that time and slowly work through them all. So for example, if you start with spellings, ONLY check spellings in your whole piece!

#### PUNCTUATION:

- Are all your capital letters and full stops where they need to be?
- Are your commas in the correct places?
- Have you used inverted commas for speech and remembered to start a new paragraph for a new speaker?
- Do you need questions marks? Brackets? Is it effective to use dashes?

#### SPELLING:

- Are there words that look wrong in your writing? Underline them.
- For trickier words use a dictionary!
- Check homophones

#### VOCABULARY:

- Can you add or improve adjective to make your writing detailed?
- Use a thesaurus (they are available online)
- Can you include adverbs?

## GRAMMAR:

- Have you missed out any words?
- Do your sentences make sense? What do you need to change if they don't?
- Do you need more sentences to make your story clear?

## SENTENCES:

- Have you included a variety of sentence starters?
- Does your writing flow with lots of different sentence types? Are they short sentences? Relative clause sentences? Rhetorical questions?
- Can you up level some of the sentences you have to make them even more detailed or even more powerful or even more entertaining for the reader?

*TOP TIP: Use different colours for each edit section.*

*Once your page is a complete mess of changes and brilliant editing, it's time to produce your final piece! This might be on the computer, or you could give yourself handwriting practice (remember, copying up your drafted and edited work is a VERY important skill...without final publication, we wouldn't have the wonderful books that are available to us today!) Maybe you could think of an exciting way to present your final stories? Maybe on a tea bag stained scroll to tie in with the fairy tale theme? Or make a fold out book to present your work? I'm sure you can get creative! Enjoy!*