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Thesaurus Activity

A thesaurus can be a wonderful help when you are writing stories. It can be a book or a tool in a computer program. A thesaurus gives lists of words that you can use to make your writing more interesting. For example –

For the word *run* the thesaurus suggests – *sprint, jog, scamper, dart, rush, hurry*

Use a thesaurus to find interesting words to use, instead of –

nice _____

talk _____

hot _____

lovely _____

Rewrite this section from *The Magic Horse*. Replace the underlined words with words from the thesaurus.

Once upon a time, there was a rich man who had a fine house and garden. Behind his house and garden, he had a field of corn. One day, he noticed that some of his corn was missing.

“A robber must have come during the night to steal my corn,” he said to himself. “I’ll have to catch him.”

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This story has two separate parts. What is the first part about?

What is the second part about?

On another sheet of paper, write the second part of the story from the point of view of the princess. That means that the princess is telling the story. The story has been started, for you to continue –

There I was, all alone, stuck in a freezing castle on top of a glass mountain. My only friend, my beautiful silver horse, had disappeared...

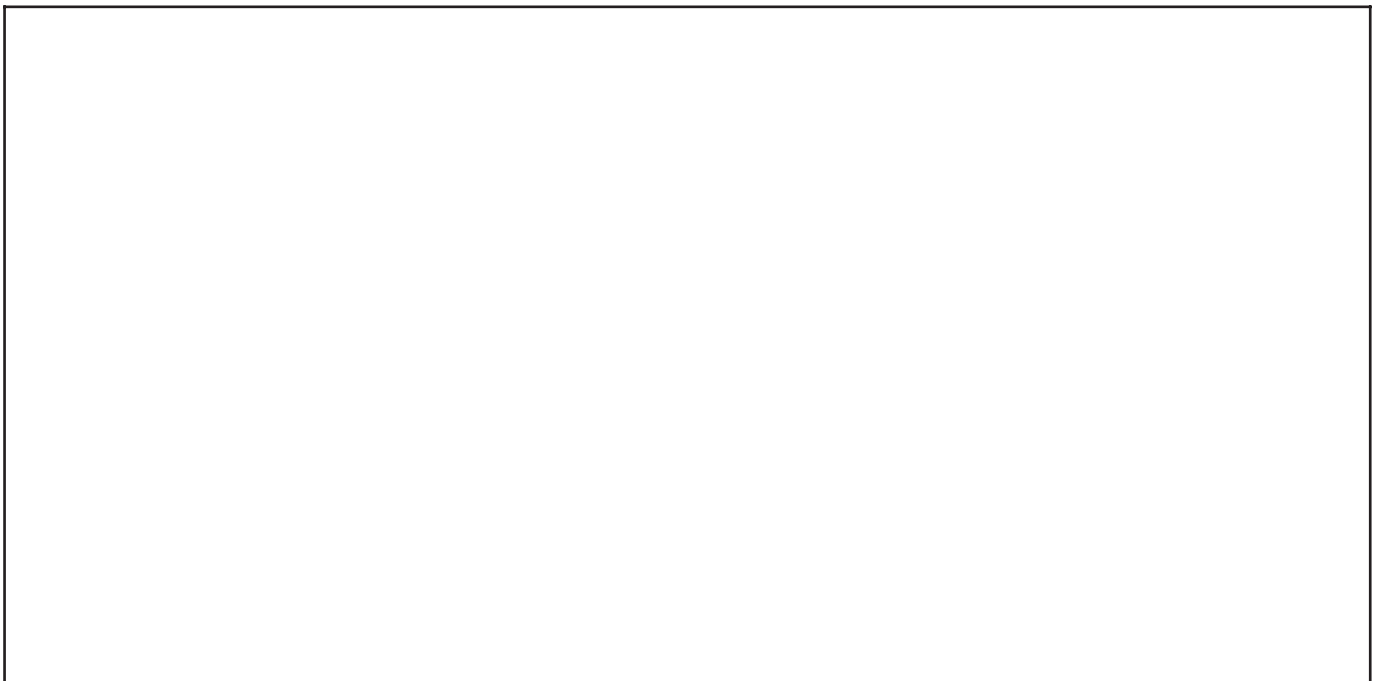
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This story takes place in a wonderful land. Draw a map of this land and include the following features –

- The rich man's farm
- The farmhouse
- The corn field
- The stable
- The glass mountain
- The castle
- Anything else from the story that you think should be added

Use plenty of colour in your map and label the features that you have drawn. Give this land an interesting name.



Name of land: _____