

## THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

Once upon a time there was a Prince who needed a wife. But The Queen (his mother) thought that the wife for her son should be a **real** Princess, the dainty and delicate type. One day, a girl visited the castle. She said she was a Princess, but the Queen decided to test her sensitivity by putting a pea under the twenty mattresses on the guest room bed. The next morning, the Princess complained that she hadn't slept a wink all night because the mattress was so lumpy! The Queen was very pleased because this Princess was clearly very discriminating if she could feel a single pea under all those mattresses.

Perhaps you can create an even better Princess for the Prince. If a good Princess complains about a small pea in her bed, maybe a great Princess would whine about many more things!

**Challenge:** If you were a Princess who wanted to marry the Prince, how would you convince the Queen that you are picky enough to meet her standards? Create a skit that shows the Queen interviewing the Princess while she grumbles about as many things as possible in one minute.

**Time:** Part One: You will have 3 minutes to plan a skit about a Queen and a Princess. Include as many complaints by the Princess as possible.  
Part Two: You will have exactly 1 minute to perform your skit for the appraisers.

**Materials:** a sheet of paper and a pencil (for planning your solution only)  
a stopwatch (for use by the appraisers)

**Scoring:** 5 points for each complaint that the Princess can make in one minute  
up to 20 points for the integration of the complaints into the story  
up to 25 points for positive team work