

Once upon a time, there was a **poor miller**.
He had a very beautiful **daughter**.



poor: when you don't have much money or much to eat
miller: a job, the miller makes flour for the baker
daughter: the miller's child is a girl

One day, the king spoke to the miller. The miller wanted to **make himself look important**. "I have a daughter. She can **spin straw** into **gold**," he said. "That sounds good," said the king. "Bring your daughter to the castle. I want to see this."



to make himself look important: the miller wanted the king to think good things about him
spin: make thread from wool
straw: yellow, dry part of grass; animals sleep in straw
gold: a yellow metal; gold is expensive

The next day, the miller **took** his daughter to the castle. The king and the girl went to a small room. There was straw and a **spinning wheel** in the room. "Spin the straw into gold tonight or you will **die**," said the king. Then the king shut the door and left her.



to take (look): to move something from one place to another
spinning wheel: a wheel you spin with
to die: to be dead / to be no longer alive