

## PINOCCHIO

This is the story of a dream that came true. Once upon a time there was a cricket called Jiminy Cricket. One cold winter night he was very tired and decided to stop and rest in a small house. The room belonged to a gentle old woodcarver called Geppetto. His only company was a cat and a goldfish, Figaro and Cleo. He was working late at night because he wanted to finish a wooden puppet, Pinocchio. He felt very lonely so he wished for a son before going to bed. A Blue Fairy gave life to the puppet and Jiminy Cricket was his conscience.

Geppetto didn't believe it. He promised to be a good father and sent Pinocchio to school. The following morning, when Pinocchio was on his way to school, he met two strange characters, Honest John and Gideon. They sold the puppet to Stromboli. This man kept him in a cage but the Blue Fairy rescued him. She gave Pinocchio another opportunity to become a real boy.

On his way home, Pinocchio met the two characters again and they convinced him to go to the Pleasure Island. This island is a prison where bad boys became donkeys. Jiminy Cricket helped Pinocchio and they escaped from the island.

When they returned home, they discovered that Geppetto wasn't there, he was inside a whale called Monstro. They went to the bottom of the sea and found Geppetto, Figaro and Cleo. They escaped together but Pinocchio died saving his father. The Blue Fairy turned him into a real boy because he was very brave.

1. What's the meaning of the following words?

PUPPET  
GOLDFISH  
CAGE  
LONELY  
WHALE

2. The story happens in the past and all the verbs are in "Past Simple". Underline the verbs you find in the text. What are their infinitives? Are they regular or irregular? (Look at the list of irregular verbs of your student's book).

REGULAR VERBS			IRREGULAR VERBS		
Infinitive	Past Simple	Meaning	Infinitive	Past Simple	Meaning