

## **The Little Match Girl - Short story – Worksheet PDF**

1. What is the story about The Little Match Girl?
  1. The story is about a very poor girl who is out in the cold selling matches and then freezes to death on the eve of the New Year.
2. Who is the little match girl?
  1. The little match girl is a very poor girl who was born into poverty and is trying to sell matches in order to survive.
3. Why does the girl not want to go home?
  1. Though it was getting colder and colder, she did not dare to go home since she had not sold any matches or earned a single cent. Her father would surely beat her.
4. What does the girl see when she strikes the first match?
  1. She sees a table with a snow-white cloth, and on it stood a shining dinner service. A roast goose steamed gloriously, stuffed with apples and prunes. The goose jumped down from the dish and waddled along the floor with a knife and fork in its breast, right over to the little girl.
5. On striking the second match, what does the girl see?
  1. She was sitting under the most beautiful Christmas tree. It was much larger and much more beautiful than the one she had seen last Christmas through the glass door at the rich merchant's home. Thousands of candles burned on the green branches, and colored pictures like those in the printshops looked down at her.

### **Questions and Answers - The little match girl –Set 2**

6. What does the girl see on striking the third match?
  1. When rubbed another match against the wall, it became bright again, and in the glow the old grandmother stood clear and shining, kind and lovely.
7. Why does she strike the entire box of matches?
  1. She struck the whole bundle of matches since she wished to keep her grandmother with her. The matches burned with such a glow that it became brighter than daylight and her grandmother had never been so grand and beautiful.
8. Explain the symbolism in the little match girl?

1. The Little Match Girl is a portrayal of the final hardships faced by an innocent little girl against the harsh cruel world.
9. Is The Little Match Girl Based on a true story?
1. While it is a story based on the imagination of the author, it is based on parallels of the real life experiences back in the 1800s.
10. Is The Little Match Girl a sad story?
1. Yes it is a very sad story about the cruelty of the world.
11. What is the moral lesson of The Little Match Girl?
1. One must not judge someone just because they are poor and you are not.
12. What is the reason for the death of The Little Match Girl?
1. She freezes to death as she does not have proper clothes or shoes to face the cold.