

The Shoemaker and the Elves



Once upon a time, there lived a shoemaker who was a very poor fellow. He did not have much money but he had a very kind heart. He was generous and loved to help people in need.

Every day, he would make one pair of shoes and try to sell it. He had no money to buy any expensive leather or fancy buttons to put on them. He had a hard time trying to persuade people to buy that plain and simple pair.

One morning, when the shoemaker went to his room, he was astonished to see a magnificent pair of shoes. "Wow, this is beautiful, who must have made this?" he asked his wife.

Each morning, there would be a new pair of shoes ready for him. One day, he and his wife hid behind the door. They saw two little elves in torn clothes coming in and stitching the most beautiful pair of shoes.

That night, the shoemaker kept a few small clothes for them on the table which his wife had prepared all day long. The elves were delighted to see them and they dressed themselves up.

They never returned after that. The shoemaker and his wife lived happily ever after.

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Answer the following questions.

1. What kind of a person was the shoemaker?

2. The pair of shoes made by him were

3. He wanted money to buy

4. What happened one morning?

5. Who was making the shoes for them?

6. What did the shoemaker's wife prepare for them?

7. kind

- a. trace
- b. rich
- c. caring
- d. cold

8. astonished

- a. huge
- b. surprised
- c. angry
- d. sad