

FREDDIE AND THE FAIRY

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Spread One

Freddie found a fairy
Tangled in a tree.
“Help! I’m stuck!” the fairy cried,
So Freddie set her free.

*Freddie is climbing the tree. The fairy
has flown into it and got stuck.*

Spread Two

“Thank you,” said the fairy.
“My name is Bessie-Belle.
I’ll grant you all your wishes,
Though I can’t hear very well.”

They have now climbed down the tree.

Freddie thought, then mumbled:
“I wish I had a pet.”
“Why, so you shall!” said Bessie Belle,
And conjured up . . .

Spread Three

a net.

“I don’t want *fish*,” said Freddie.
“I’d rather have a dog.”
“Hey presto!” said the fairy
And conjured up . . .

Spread Four

a frog.

“Let’s try again,” said Freddie.
“I wish I had a cat.”
“That’s easy!” said the fairy,
And conjured up . . .

Spread Five

a bat.

“I don’t like bats,” said Freddie,
“But what about a mouse?”
“Lift up that stone!” the fairy said,
And Freddie found . . .

Spread Six

a louse.

“That isn’t right! said Freddie.
“Let’s think. Perhaps a parrot?”
“I’ll do my best,” said Bessie Belle,
And conjured up . . .

Spread Seven

a carrot.

Freddie stamped his foot and said,
“This carrot has no beak.”
“Forgive me,” said the fairy
And a tear rolled down her cheek.

Spread Eight

Just then, from out of nowhere,
Appeared the Fairy Queen.
She dried the fairy’s eyes, and asked,
“Whatever does this mean?”

Spread Nine

“It’s Bessie Bell,” said Freddie.
“She gets things wrong,” he grumbled.
“I’m sorry,” said the fairy,
“But that’s because you mumbled.”

“Now, Freddie,” said the Fairy Queen.
(She sounded kind but stern.)
“Before you wish again, there are
Three rules for you to learn.

Spread Ten

Rule One: you mustn't mumble.
Rule Two: don't turn away.
The fairy needs to see your lips
To read the words you say.

Rule Three: don't cover up your mouth.
She can't see through your hand!
Obey these three gold rules, and then
I'm sure she'll understand."

Spread Eleven

So Freddie learnt the three gold rules
And now he speaks quite clearly,
And everything he wishes for
Comes true –

*We see Freddie surrounded by pets
of every sort. The fairy is also in the
picture, and possibly the Fairy
Queen as well, looking benevolent..
A think bubble shows that Freddie is
now wishing for a caterpillar.*

Spread Twelve

or very nearly.

*On this new page a huge gorilla has
appeared.*

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