



THE ELVES AND THE SOUTH WEST TEXAS COWBOY BOOT MAKERS

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STUDY GUIDE



SYNOPSIS

A hilarious parody of the immortal Grimm Brothers tale about the elves and the shoe makers, *this* tale takes place in our own hometown. It all begins when the elves fall asleep holding two large strips of leather, and wake the next day to find two beautiful pairs of cowboy boots. Before they can sell the boots they must learn what they are. After meeting a singing, dancing stranger named Cowboy Dan down by the river, the elves sell the boots for more money than they've ever made. Who is helping the elves make these beautiful boots while they sleep? The elves hide behind the couch one evening to find out, and witness the strangest thing they've ever seen. A great Grimm classic that we've wrapped around some of the coolest Cowboy Boots you've ever seen. Perfect for People of all ages!

WHAT'S A COWBOY BOOT?

A little about the boot



Cowboy boots refer to a specific style of riding boot, historically worn by cowboys. They have a high heel, rounded to pointed toe, high shaft, and no lacing. Cowboy boots are normally made from cowhide leather but are also sometimes made from "exotic" skins such as alligator, snake, ostrich, lizard, eel, elephant, sting ray, elk, buffalo, and the like. There are two basic types of cowboy boots, western and roper. The western style is distinguished by an angled heel, usually over one inch high. Although western boots can be customized with a wide variety of toe shapes, they are usually made with a pointed toe. The roper style will have a more rounded heel, usually one inch or shorter, and will have the heel extend straight down. Roper boots are usually made with rounded toes, but new styles are emerging with a more squared toe.

WRITE YOUR OWN FOLK TALE

Use the frame below to start writing your own folk tale.



Once upon a time,

there was a _____ who lived in a

_____ . But there was a

mean _____ who always

_____ . So, one day the _____

decided to _____ . Then, there was a

magic _____ that _____ !

After that, _____ . Then, the

_____ never _____ and

they lived happily ever after.

~The End~

ABOUT THE STORY

A little about the original tale



Folk tales have been around for centuries. They are part of the shared cultural history of all people on Earth. While it is impossible to trace a folk tale to a single author, those who first took on the task of recording such stories and publishing them in books often receive credit for the stories. Two brothers from Germany, Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, are credited with first publishing the story of *The Shoemaker & the Elves*. The Grimm Brothers were born in the late 1700s. Jacob and Wilhelm were interested in German history and language and especially loved folklore. They traveled throughout Germany from village to village recording traditional stories told around the hearths of cottages. The Grimm Brothers felt that it was very important to preserve these stories so they would not be forgotten.

The story of *The Shoemaker & the Elves* is one of three elf stories originally published in German as "Die Wichtelmänner" (The Elves). The stories first appeared in the Grimm's 1812 collection of fairy tales titled "Children's and Household Tales".

DOUBLE THE PUZZLE

First: unscramble each of the clue words.



SEVLE

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HESO

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TOBO

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WOYCOB

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RKOW

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M	A			
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Second:

take the letters that appear in boxes

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 and unscramble them for the final message.

SPELLING

Circle the correct spelling of the word



1) shumaeker

shoemaker

shomacher

2) leatter

leathhir

leather

3) shus

shoes

shuze

4) stitch

stittch

stich

5) ellves

elves

elviz

6) hammor

hamer

hammer

BRAIN TEASERS

Try these on for size



New Shoes!

Q One day, two mothers and two daughters went shopping for shoes. Their shopping spree was successful — each bought a pair of shoes, and all together, they had three pairs. How is this possible?

A Only three people went shopping: a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter — but remember that the mother was the grandmother's daughter!

There's an elf in my boot!

Q If 26 elves can make 26 pairs of boots in 26 minutes, how many elves do you need to make 78 pairs of boots in 78 minutes?

A You still need only 26 elves, but you give them 3 times as many minutes.

ANY SHOE WILL DO!

Word Find



R	R	L	T	S	T	S	H	L
E	E	E	O	O	O	A	C	A
K	P	E	N	L	O	N	R	C
A	O	H	G	E	B	D	A	E
E	R	C	U	E	U	A	N	S
N	G	W	E	O	B	L	H	C
S	S	L	I	P	P	E	R	S
E	L	O	S	N	I	Z	M	B
P	E	T	S	N	I	Y	I	C

ARCH

BOOT

HEEL

INSOLE

INSTEP

LACES

ROPER

SANDAL

SLIPPERS

SNEAKER

SOLE

TONGUE

VOCABULARY

Circle the Correct Answer



- 1) The bottom part of a shoe.
sole flap string
- 2) A set of two things.
pair dishes silverware
- 3) Another name for a pair of slacks.
coat dress trousers
- 4) A tool used to pound nails.
rake hammer hoe
- 5) You wear this on your foot
towel sock rag
- 6) This has a sole and a heel
coat shirt shoe

