

THE STORY OF PURIM

Servants: What shall we do with the drunken king,
All day long we bring him wine.

King: Wine, wine! Bring some more wine!
Where is my wife?
Where is Queen Vashti?
I want to see the queen!

All: The king wants to see the queen!

Servants: Your majesty the queen, the king wants to see
you.

All: The king wants to see the queen!

Vashti: I don't want to see the king.
He is drunk.

All: The queen does not want to see the king.
He is drunk.

Servants: Your majesty the king!
The queen does not want to come!

King: What! The queen does not want to come!
Send her away!

All: Send her away!

King: Now I need a new queen.

All: The king needs a new queen!

Song: I need a queen,
A nice new queen,
To sit beside me on the throne,
And if she's very nice indeed,
I'll give her half the things I own.



Servant: All beautiful girls, go to the palace!
The king wants to choose a new queen.

Girls: I'm very pretty! I'm going to the palace!
I'm pretty too! I'm also going to the palace!

Mordechai: Esther, you must save the Jews!
Go to the palace.

All: You must save the Jews! Go to the palace!

Esther: Sure, I will go to the palace.

King: Where are the girls?

Servant: Here they are.

King: I don't like this girl, she's too tall.
And this one is too short.
She's too fat!
She's too thin!

Song: I've looked at maids so many maids,
With red and black and golden hair,
But this one shouts and this one cries,
And so for none of these I care.

King: But this girl is beautiful.
What is your name?

Esther: My name is Esther.

King: Esther, you will be the queen!

All: She will be the queen!
Long live Queen Esther!

Song: Oh you are nice, so very nice,
Dear Esther, will you be my wife
Here's my throne and half I own,
And a hundred and twenty lands besides.



(Act two)

Haman: You must bow down to me!

All: Mordechai, you must bow to Haman!

Mordechai: No, I am a Jew! I will not bow to you.

All: He is a Jew! He will not bow to Haman!

Haman: I want to kill all the Jews.

All: Haman wants to kill all the Jews!

King: O.K. Take my ring.

All: Esther, you must go to the king.

Esther: Yes, I must go to the king.
I must help my people.
Your majesty the king, you must help me!

King: Esther, what's the matter?

Esther: He wants to kill me and my people.

King: Who wants to kill you?

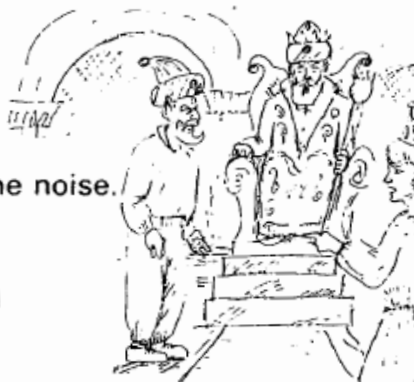
Esther: This bad man, Haman, wants to kill me and my people .

King : Take him away!

All: All the Jews are happy.
We are happy too!

Song: So we sing... and make some noise.

For Haman was swinging
And Mordechai was singing
In Shu Shu Shushan
Long ago.



How to use the play?

- ✓ Pre-teach vocabulary and phonetic rules.
- ✓ Read the text aloud with expression.
- ✓ Have the students read the text aloud together [choral reading].
- ✓ Divide the class into groups. Assign each group a role. Each group reads aloud their part together.
- ✓ Have the students practice reading in pairs/trios.
- ✓ Assign each student a role and have them mark their part with a marker.
- ✓ The students perform the play. They read their parts aloud from the script. There is no need to memorize the lines.
- ✓ The students can use props if they want to.