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Useful Information

Author	Traditional retold by Maria Alperin
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Other titles by this author	My First Fairy Tales Series

Tales Toolkit

	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	A shoemaker or cobbler		The shoemaker's shop and house
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.
	The shoemaker is poor and only has enough leather left to make one pair of shoes.		Two elves secretly help at night to make beautiful shoes. People buy these shoes and the Shoemaker becomes rich.

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms

synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)

elf	an imaginary small magic creature (<i>fairy</i>)
leather	material made from the skin of an animal (<i>hide</i>)
poor	not having money (<i>broke, penniless</i>)
beautiful	lovely to look at (<i>gorgeous, pretty</i>)
rich	having a lot of money (<i>wealthy, well-off</i>)
grateful	Showing thanks for kindness (<i>thankful</i>)



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