



The Elves and the
Shoemaker.

Read the story again and
answer the questions.

Vocabulary

leather

(type of strong material)



shoemaker

(a person who makes shoes)



bought

(past tense of buy)



elves

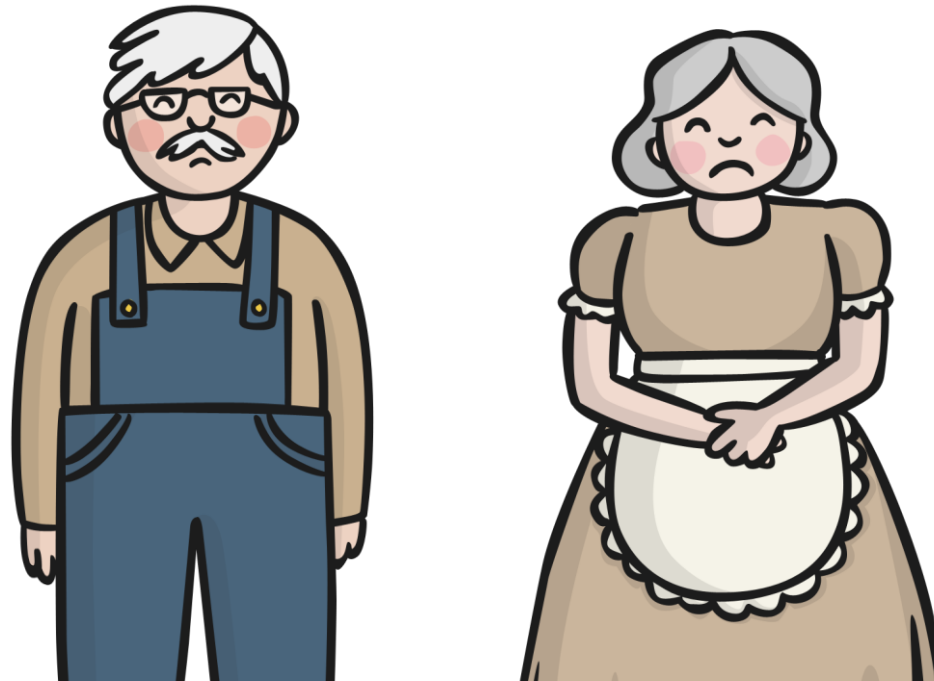
(plural of elf - tiny magical people)



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Once upon a time there lived a very poor shoemaker
and his wife.



What word is used to describe the shoemaker and his
wife?
What does this mean?

One night before he went to bed, the shoemaker cut out the last of his leather to work on the next day.



The next morning he was amazed to find a beautiful pair of shoes standing on his table!

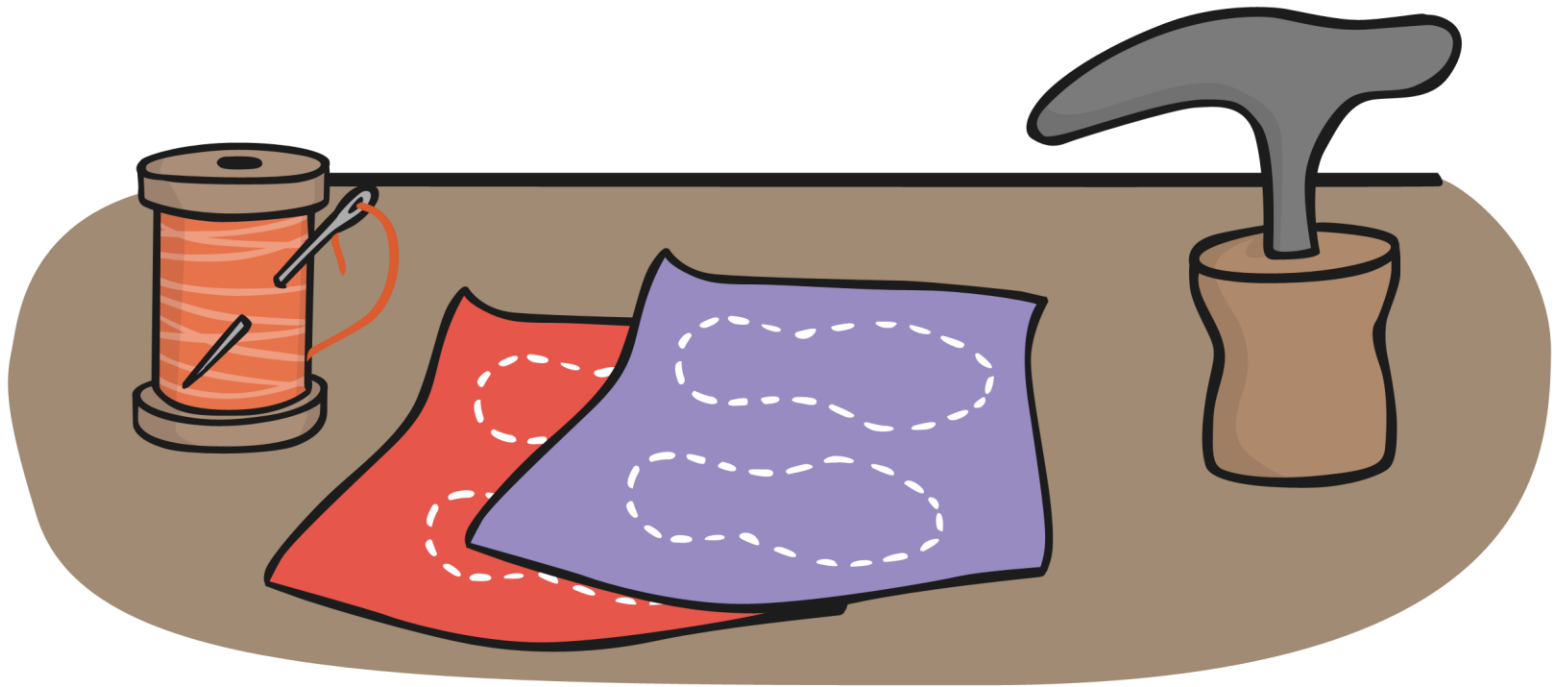


Why was the shoemaker amazed when he found the shoes?

In fact, the shoes were so beautiful that when someone came to try them on they paid twice as much as the shoemaker had asked for them!



With the money, the shoemaker bought enough leather to make two pairs of shoes. Before he went to bed he laid out the leather to work on the next day.



The next morning he was amazed to find two beautiful pairs of shoes standing on his table!



Soon the shoemaker became a very rich man. One night the shoemaker and his wife hid inside the shop to find out who they owed their riches to.

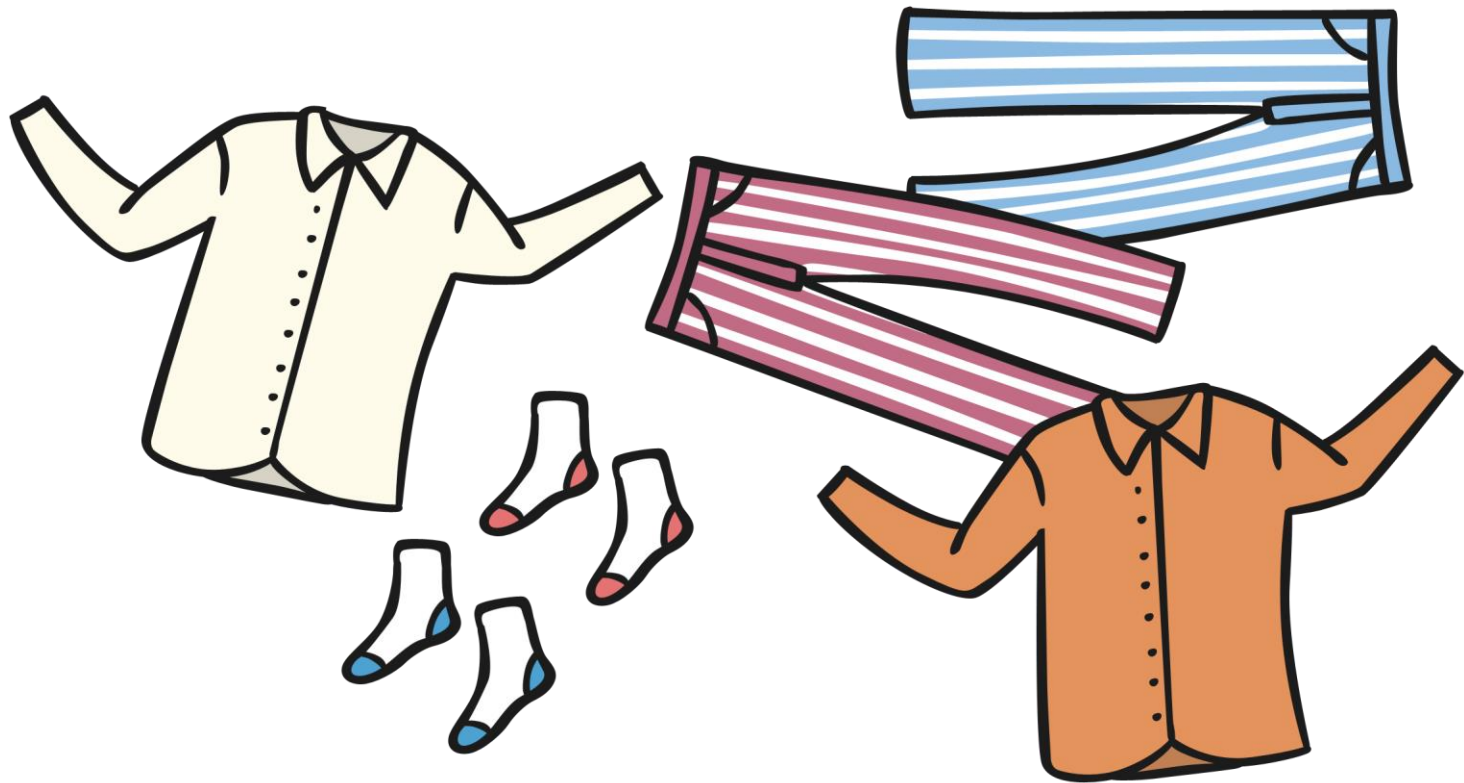


Why did the shoemaker and his wife hide inside the shop?

They were very surprised to see two small elves come into the shop and stitch the shoes together carefully. The poor little elves wore no clothes!



The shoemaker's wife made two little shirts,
two tiny pairs of trousers and some socks, to thank
the elves.

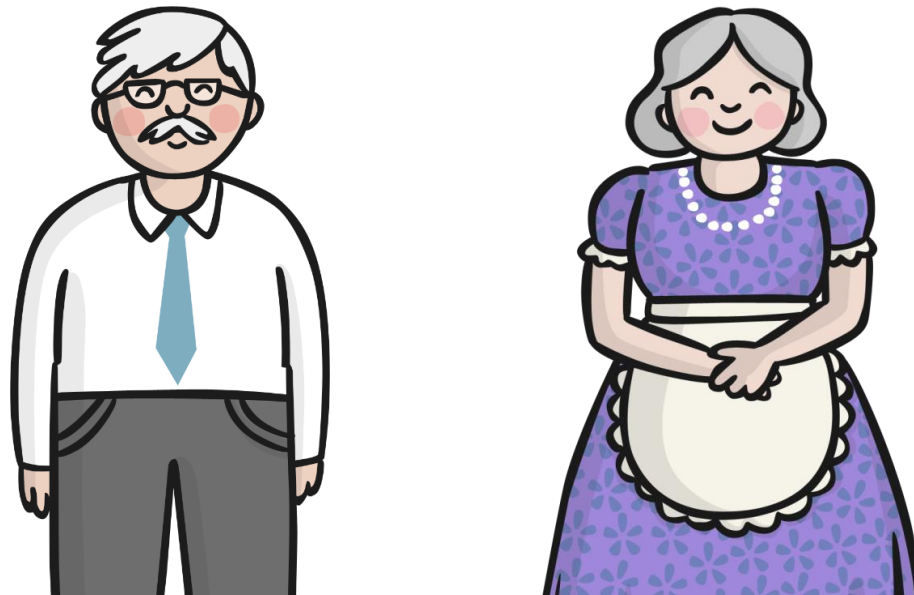


When the elves crept into the shop that night and saw the clothes, they were so overjoyed they danced and sang with delight!



Why were the elves overjoyed?

The shoemaker and his wife never saw the elves again but they were forever grateful to them for showing them how to make beautiful shoes.



Are the shoemaker and his wife still poor?
How do you know?