

# Stories for Lipreading

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## [The Magic Skirt by Sarah Lovett - Setting the Scene](#)

Little Jessica arrives to spend the day with her granny. She is wearing a 'princess skirt' – not really practical for a trip to the beach. She insists the skirt is 'magic'. Could she be right?

### **Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases**

Jessica stood on my doorstep dressed in a pink net skirt  
Silver sequins which sparkled in the sunlight  
Pouted  
Princess, a magic one  
Skipped  
My daughter  
Not really dressed  
Her shorts for later  
Handed me  
Essentials for a day away  
Granny  
Hopped and skipped  
Cliff path  
Onto the sand  
Stopped suddenly  
Elderly couple were sitting on deckchairs  
Lively Springer Spaniel  
Afraid of dogs  
Bitten on the ankle  
Jack Russell erupted out of a drive as she was skipping past  
My knees  
Wagging its tail  
Took her hand  
A little past it, though  
Magic princess skirt down on the towel  
Held hands  
Little waves  
Forehead wrinkled with anxiety  
Carried on with her game of jumping the waves  
By the time she had had enough  
Next to our things  
Fascinated by the spaniel  
The sea  
Shook itself so hard  
Towelling her hair dry  
I hesitated  
A big, bouncy dog

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She looked so eager  
Dog looked in our direction. It turned and raced  
Nearest thing handy  
Into the dog's face  
Continued to hold its head  
Wiggled  
I let go  
Around its neck  
Silly  
Tongue lolling out