

Sheet 5

LO: write an alternative opening

Below is the opening of the folktale. You are going to write an alternative opening. I have done an example for you.

There was once an old woman who lived in a vinegar bottle. Don't ask me why. It was a common old vinegar bottle. Unusually large, of course. Still, it did make a very small house.

Every day the old woman would sit on her step and complain.

"Oh, what a pity! What a pity, pity, pity! That I should live in a tiny little house such as this. Why, I should be living in a cottage with a thatched roof and roses growing up the walls. That's what I deserve!"

There once lived a young man who lived in an empty tin can. It was a very old and smelly can. It was only a small can, but it was big enough for him. Every day the young man would complain that he was unhappy.

"How unfair, how unfair, how unfair this life is! A man like me should live in a beautiful brick house by the sea. That is what I want!"

