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Lilly's Big Day

Lilly is so excited when her adored teacher, Mr. Slinger, reveals to his class of mice that he is going to marry Ms. Shotwell, the school nurse. "It will be the biggest day of my life," she tells herself, confident that she will be his flower girl.

In her bedroom, she practices holding her head high, smiling brightly, walking very, very slowly, and humming "Here Comes the Bride." "Did Mr. Slinger ask you?" asks Lilly's mother. "Not yet," Lilly says, unfazed. Just in case her teacher hasn't figured out her heart's desire, she draws a portrait of herself as the "World's Best and Most Famous Flower Girl."

Poor Mr. Slinger has to break it to her that his own niece, Ginger, will be taking on the official job, though he kindly offers Lilly the chance to be her assistant. On the big day, when the music swells, Ginger gets stage fright and freezes, "still as a stone." Lilly's quick thinking saves the wedding.

Challenge Words

assistant
confident
stage fright



1. Mr. Slinger is going to marry _____.
2. Lilly is confident she will be his _____.
3. She practices by holding her head high, walking very, very slowly and humming _____.
4. Mr. Slinger tells Lilly his niece _____ will be the flower girl.
5. How does Lilly help Ginger at the wedding? _____