Three Wishes

Once upon a time, there was a magic drink that everyone *longed for*. If you drink it, it would make your 3 wishes come true. Mary was also the one who really really wanted the magic drink to realize her wishes.

One day when she woke up, she found it on his bed. She *immediately* drank it up.

Then she had to list her 3 wishes. At the moment, it *slightly* came to her mind that her family was very poor and she had a brother who has an *incurable disease*. However, she was too *greedy* to give up 2 of her wishes and made her family happy instead.

The first wish was; "I want to get a perfect beauty." All of a sudden, her *external* appearance became just perfect that everyone would envy.

The second wish was; "I want to become intelligent." All of a sudden, she *obtained* a genius.

As for the last wish, she thought about it for a second and said; "I want my prince." All of a sudden, a handsome and rich prince came out and asked her to marry him. She obtained so much in her life, but her family *remained* unhappy and she never went back to her home.

- 1 What's the story about? Give the summary.
- 2 What kind of family did Mary have?
- 3 What would you do if you were Mary?
- 4 What would be 3 wishes for you?

Vocabulary List

long for:

to want to do something very much / to dream about (憧れる、夢見る)

immediately:

very quickly / without any delay

(直ちに、早速)

slightly:

a little

(かすかに、少し)

incurable:

impossible to cure / cannot change

(治らない、不治の)

disease:

an illness or sickness that affects people (病気)

greedy:

wanting more things than you actually need (欲張りな)

external:

outside of something or someone's body (外見の、外部の)

appearance:

the way someone or something looks to others (見た目)

obtain:

to get something that you want (手に入れる、獲得する)

remain:

to continue to be the same (残る、~のままである)