A fairy tale is a make-believe story. Anything can happen in it! Fairy tales often include a magical object or a person with magical powers, like a wizard or fairy godmother. Sometimes a regular person discovers he or she has magical powers. Every good story has a problem that must be solved with the help of this magic.

We will help you start your own fairy tale. We have picked the place: the Barnum family’s home called Iranistan. (It looks like a palace!) You choose:

- Two (2) characters
- Words that describe your characters (adjectives)
- The problem to be solved
- The solution—a magical object!
- How the magical object will solve the problem

Use the plan on the next page to start writing your fairy tale. You can add details to make the story more exciting!

Characters (click on picture to learn more)

General
Tom Thumb
Lavinia Warren
Captain Costentenus
Jumbo
P. T. Barnum
Caroline, Pauline & Helen Barnum (l to r)

Objects (click on picture to learn more)

Jenny Lind Mirror
P. T. Barnum’s Gold Ring
Lavinia’s Tiny Thimble
P. T. Barnum’s Top Hat
Commodore Nutt’s Carriage
Once upon a time, there was a/an __________________________ (Adjective) 

______________________________ named __________________________.  

______________________________ went to visit the palace of Iranistan in Bridgeport.  

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(Name)  

While in the palace of Iranistan, __________________________ had a problem.  

(Name)  

What was the problem? ____________________________________________________________ 

____________________________________________________________________________.  

______________________________ asked __________________________ for help.  

(Name)  

(Second Character)  

______________________________ was very __________________________.  

(Second Character)  

(Adjective)  

Luckily, that person had a magic __________________________ that could 

(Object)  

____________________________________________________________________________.  

(Magical Powers)  

Together, they used the magic __________________________ to __________________________  

(Object)  

____________________________________________________________________________.  

(How they solved the problem)  

______________________________ thanked __________________________  

(Name)  

(Second Character)  

for their help and they all lived happily ever after.