

## Mathilde's Story

Listen to the story about Mathilde and fill in each of the blanks. The first one is done for you.



A long time ago in France, there was a little girl with long, long hair called Mathilde. As Mathilde combed her beautiful hair, she dreamed of becoming a queen. “I will be a queen someday,” she \_\_\_\_\_ mother, “I am sure of it.” She told \_\_\_\_\_ father too. “I will be a queen someday. Just wait. One day you will see a golden crown on my head”. \_\_\_\_\_ father laughed and said, “Well, you are only a countess. If you want to be a queen, you will have to marry a king.” It was \_\_\_\_\_ father was the count of Flanders and very rich, but she was only a countess. She knew that most kings preferred to marry princesses.

Mathilde, the Countess of Flanders, grew older \_\_\_\_\_ hair got longer, but she never forgot her dream. One Sunday, Mathilde \_\_\_\_\_ family were walking to church. Mathilde \_\_\_\_\_ best blue robe \_\_\_\_\_ long braided hair shone in the sun. Suddenly a handsome man rode by on a large horse. Mathilde \_\_\_\_\_ strong arms \_\_\_\_\_ noble face. “Who is that?” asked Mathilde. “That is William, the Duke of Normandy,” \_\_\_\_\_ mother.

The duke noticed the young girl with the beautiful long braids. In fun, he pulled so hard \_\_\_\_\_ braids that she fell down; then he rode away \_\_\_\_\_ horse!



What happened next? Tell the rest of the story of Mathilde. Use these words to help you remember what happened. Try to use *his* and *her*.

marriage

mother/duchess

father/money

got married

her money

army

battleship

Battle of Hastings

King of England

queen

crown

hair

long marriage

eleven children