

Hansel and Gretel



Key vocabulary

- Woodcutter
- Forest
- Breadcrumbs
- Witch
- Gingerbread house



Before we read...

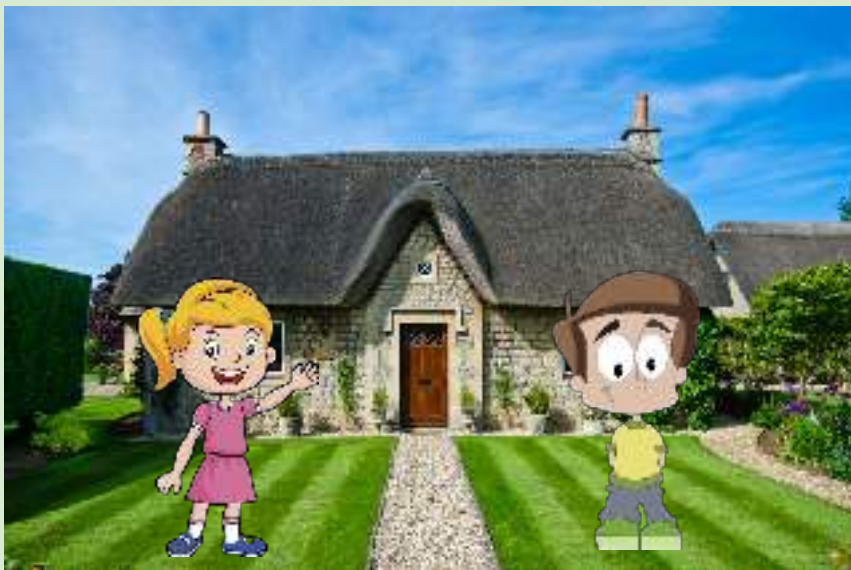
- Do you know the tale of Hansel and Gretel? What do you remember from it?
- Do you remember how the story ends?



Let's read!

Once upon a time, there was a brother and sister named Hansel and Gretel.

Hansel and Gretel were happy children. They lived in a cottage with their parents.





Their father was a poor woodcutter, and he loved his children very much. However, their mother didn't really like them. She made them clean and do chores!



One year, a famine came to the land. There wasn't very much food for anyone.

Hansel and Gretel heard their mother speaking to their father.





"We don't have enough food."

"What should we do?" asked their father.

"We should leave the children in the forest. Then, you and I will have food," she said.

Hansel and Gretel were worried!





Quick quiz!

1. What are the brother and sister's names?
2. **Did their father love Hansel and Gretel?**
3. **Where will their mother want to leave them?**



Let's continue!

The next day, Hansel and Gretel's father invited them to hike. He looked very sad, and he gave Hansel a big piece of bread.



Their father didn't tell them the truth, but Hansel and Gretel knew they would be alone soon.





Hansel was very smart. He began to leave small pieces of bread on the path. He had a plan! He and his sister could follow the breadcrumbs home!





Quick quiz!

1. What did their father give Hansel?
2. What was Hansel's great idea?



Sadly, the birds in the forest liked the breadcrumbs. They ate them all! Their father had left, and it was beginning to get dark.

“I’m afraid,” said Gretel.

“Me, too,” said Hansel. “But tomorrow, we will try to find the path home.”





The next day Hansel and Gretel walked, and walked, and walked.

"I'm hungry," said Gretel. "And I don't think we are near home."

"I agree," said Hansel. "And I am hungry, too!"



Just then, they entered a beautiful meadow. In the meadow, there was a house. It was a gingerbread house! The children quickly began to eat the delicious candies on the house.



A kind, old woman came out of the house. "My precious children, are you hungry?" she asked.



"Oh, yes," Hansel and Gretel said together.

"Come inside. I will feed you so many good things," said the old lady.



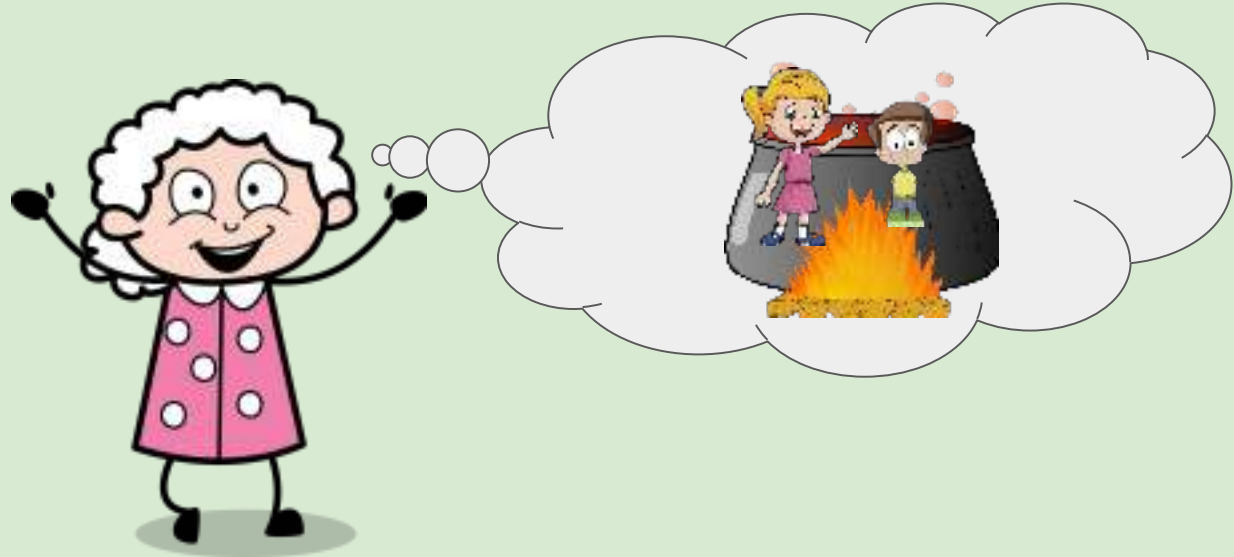


Quick quiz!

1. Who ate the breadcrumbs?
2. How did Hansel and Gretel feel?
3. At first, was the old woman kind?



But when they were inside, she quickly locked the door and laughed a wicked laugh. “Yes, I will feed you, and then you will feed me. I haven’t had a good children stew in years! Hehehehe...”





Each day, the wicked witch checked the children. She wanted them to be fat and juicy, but Hansel tricked her. The witch asked to feel his finger, and he put a bone into her hand.



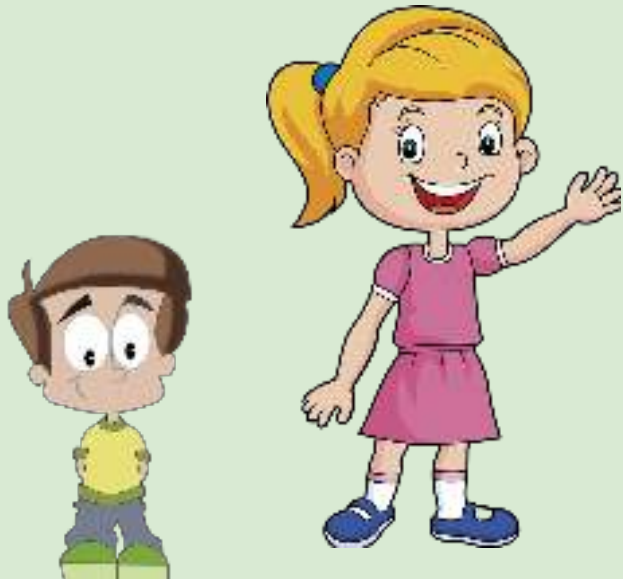
After many weeks, the witch said, "You are both so skinny, but it's time to eat. Come to the fire with me."





This time, Gretel tricked the witch. “There’s no fire!” she said.

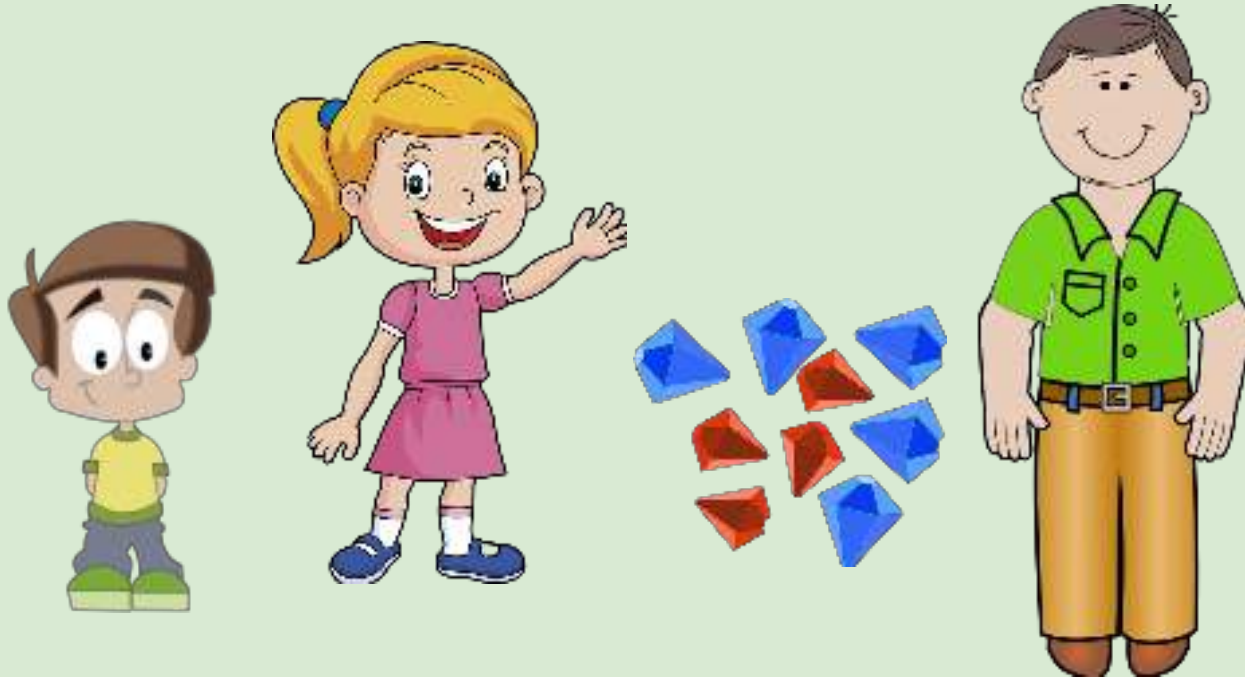
“What?!” cried the witch, looking into the pot. Just then, Gretel pushed her, and the witch fell into the fire.



Hansel and Gretel were free! They looked around the witch's house. They found food for the walk home, and they also found many jewels.



When they found their old cottage, their father was so happy to see them. But their mother was gone! Hansel and Gretel gave their father the jewels.



“Now, we can eat for years,” he said, and they lived happily ever after!

The End

