

Hansel and Gretel



Once upon a time, there were two children called Hansel and Gretel. They lived with their kind father and cruel stepmother in a house in the woods. One night, Hansel heard their stepmother telling their father to take the children into the forest and leave them there!

The next morning, they went for a walk in the forest. As they walked, Hansel dropped pebbles along the path. Hansel and Gretel grew tired and fell asleep. When they woke up, they were all alone but the pebbles led them all the way back home.

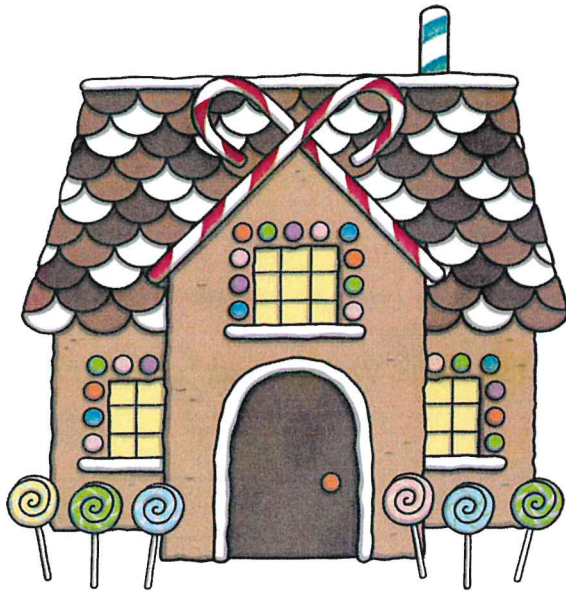
The next day, they went into the forest again. This time, Hansel dropped breadcrumbs along the path as they walked. Once again, they became tired and fell asleep. When they awoke, they were alone again. When they looked for the breadcrumbs, they had been eaten by birds!

Hansel and Gretel walked until they finally came to a house made of gingerbread and sweets. An old woman came out of the house and asked them to come in. When they were inside, the old woman locked Hansel in a cage! She wanted to fatten him up and eat him.



The old woman showed Gretel the oven where she was going to cook Hansel. Clever Gretel told the old woman that Hansel was too big to fit into the oven. When the old woman went to look inside the oven, Gretel pushed her in! Gretel freed Hansel from his cage. They found a chest full of gold coins and took it home with them.

After a long walk, Hansel and Gretel found their way back home. Their father was very happy to see them and their stepmother had left the house forever. Now they were rich! The three of them lived happily ever after.



Questions

1. What did Hansel drop along the path? Tick **two**.

- ☐ pebbles
- ☐ buttons
- ☐ breadcrumbs

2. Number these events to show the order that they happened in the story.
The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ Their father left them in the forest.
- ☐ They lived happily ever after.
- 1.** Hansel and Gretel lived in the woods.
- ☐ The old woman locked Hansel in a cage.

3. Draw lines to match the characters to the word used to describe them in the story.

Gretel

their father

their stepmother

kind

clever

cruel

4. Fill in the missing words.

The house that they found was made
of _____ and _____.

5. Why did the old woman lock Hansel in a cage?
