

2a A fairy tale is an old, traditional story. Do you know what these fairy tales are about?

Sleeping Beauty
Cinderella
Little Red Riding Hood

2b Read the first paragraph of *Hansel and Gretel*. Think about how the fairy tale will continue. Then read the rest of the story.

Hansel and Gretel

Hansel and Gretel lived near a forest with their father and stepmother. One year, the weather was so dry that no food would grow. The wife told her husband that unless he left the children to die in the forest, the whole family would die. Gretel heard this, and Hansel made a plan to save himself and his sister.

Finding Out the Text Type

Before you read, decide what kind of text it is. Is it a letter, a play, a short story or something else?

SCENE ONE: _____

Gretel: Did you hear our stepmother planning to kill us?

Hansel: Don't worry! I have a plan to save us.

Gretel: How can you save us?

Hansel: Be quiet! I'm going outside to get something in the moonlight.
Now, go to sleep.

SCENE TWO: _____

Wife: Get up, lazy children!

Husband: Yes, dears. You must come with me to the forest to get wood.

Wife: Here's some bread. Don't eat it until you get to the forest.

SCENE THREE: _____

Gretel: Hansel, what are you doing?

Hansel: I'm dropping white stones along the way. Unless I do, we'll be lost.
Tonight, when the moon is shining bright, we'll be able to see the stones.

SCENE FOUR: _____

Wife: You bad children! What a long time you slept in the forest!

Husband: We thought you were never coming back.

Wife: Now, go to bed. As soon as you wake up, you must go to the forest with your father.

Hansel: What, again? I want to go out to look at the moon.

Wife: No. You can't go out now.

SCENE FIVE: _____

Gretel: What can we do? You have no more stones.

Hansel: I'll drop pieces of bread. As soon as the moon rises, we can follow them instead.

SCENE SIX: _____

Gretel: I can't see any bread on the ground. Maybe it was the birds.

Hansel: Never mind! Just keep walking. Unless we do, we won't find our way out.

SCENE SEVEN: _____

Gretel: Hansel, we're really lost!

Hansel: Listen! That bird's song is so beautiful that we should follow it.

Gretel: Look! It's leading us to that wonderful house made of bread, cake and candy.

Hansel: Let's eat part of the house!



(Then they hear an old woman's voice from inside the house.)

Voice: Who is that? Who is brave enough to eat my house?

2c

Match each description below with the correct scene.

- A. The children get lost.
- B. The children wake up.
- C. The children cannot find the pieces of bread.
- D. Gretel learns about Hansel's plan.
- E. The children surprise the parents.
- F. Hansel has to change his plan.
- G. The children learn that something bad is going to happen.

2d

Read the play again and answer the questions.

- 1. Why does the wife tell her husband to leave the children in the forest?
- 2. What does Hansel go out to get?
- 3. Why does he do this in the moonlight?
- 4. How do Hansel and Gretel find their way home?
- 5. Why do Hansel and Gretel get lost the second time?

2e

Act out the play in groups of four.