## Unit 6

## An old man tried to move the mountains.

Section B 2a-2e



#### > Objectives

- ◆To learn about Hansel and Gretel.
- ◆To learn new words: wife, husband, whole, shine, bright, ground, lead, voice, brave...

#### Words & Expressions

stepmother n. 继母

wife n. 妻子;太太

husband n. 丈夫

whole adj. 全部的;整体的

scene n. 场;场景

moonlight n. 月光

shine v. 发光; 照耀

bright adv. 光亮地;明亮地

adj. 明亮的;光线充足的

ground n.地; 地面

lead v. 带路; 领路

voice n. 声音

brave adj. 勇敢的;无畏的

**2**a

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

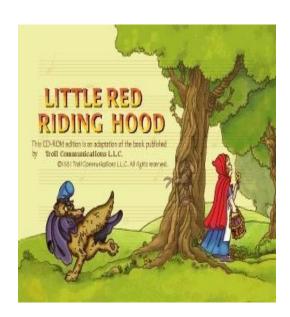
Sleeping Beauty
Cinderella
Little Red Riding Hood







Cinderella



Little Red Riding
Hood



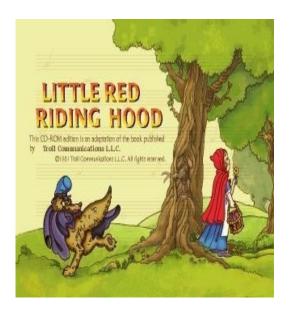
Sleeping Beauty is about a princess who falls asleep for a long time under a spell by a wicked fairy. She is awakened by a prince's kiss years later.





Cinderella is about a young woman who is bullied by her stepmother and stepsisters. Using magic, her fairy godmother gives her a beautiful dress and a carriage to attend a ball at the palace, but she must return home by midnight before the magic ends.

Cinderella meets a handsome prince but has to leave the ball in a hurry and she loses a glass slipper. The prince finds it and tells everyone he will marry the person to whom the slipper belongs. The stepsisters each try on the slipper but it does not fit them. Cinderella tries on the slipper and it fits. She marries the prince and they live happily ever after.



Little Red Riding Hood is about a young girl who meets with danger when she meets a big, bad wolf. While she is on her way to visit her grandmother, the wolf dresses up and pretends to be her

grandmother waiting in her bed. The wolf hopes to catch and eat Little Red Riding Hood. She is saved by a woodcutter who kills the wolf.



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

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?

#### 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.

SCENE ONE: 6

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 E

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: F

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?



### 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.



## 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?

1. Why does the wife tell her husband to leave the children in the forest?

Because that year, the weather was so dry that no food would grow. And the family had little to eat.

- 2. What does Hansel go out to get? White stones.
- 3. Why does he do this in the moonlight?

  Because when the moon is shining bright, the stones will be white and bright enough.

- 4. How do Hansel and Gretel find their way home? They left some stones on the way. When the moon is shining bright, the stones will be bright enough to find the way home.
- 5. Why do Hansel and Gretel get lost the second time?

They left some bread on the way. And the bread was gone.

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