

Simple Past – Hansel and Gretel

Once upon a time a wood-cutter _____ (to live) together with his wife and two children close to the forest. The boy's name _____ (to be) Hansel and the girl's name Gretel. The family _____ (not have) enough to eat. The man and his wife _____ (to think) about what to do. The wife _____ (to tell) her husband "Tomorrow morning we will take the children deep into the forest and then we will leave them alone."

But the children _____ (to hear) what their stepmother said. Gretel _____ (to cry) and _____ (to say) to her brother: "Now it is over with us." Hansel _____ (to have) a plan to help himself and his sister: When the parents _____ (to fall) asleep, he _____ (to go) outside and _____ (to put) the white stones that _____ (to glitter) in the moonlight into his pockets.

The next morning the parents _____ (to take) the children into the forest and _____ (to leave) them there – but with the help of the stones Hansel and Gretel _____ (to get) back home. Again the parents _____ (to try) to leave the children alone – this time the children _____ (to not find) the way back.

Hansel and Gretel _____ (to lose) their way. They _____ (to be) very hungry. Suddenly they _____ (to come) to a little house that was built of bread and cakes. The windows _____ (to look) like clear sugar. Hansel _____ (to break off) a little bit of the roof and _____ (to like) it, Gretel _____ (to eat) some of the window panes. Then a soft voice _____ (to ask) from inside:

"Nibble, nibble, gnaw,
Who is nibbling at my little house?"

The children _____ (to answer):

"The wind, the wind,
The heaven-born wind"

The old, friendly witch _____ (to come) outside and _____ (to want) to know what was happening. Hansel and Gretel _____ (to run) into the house and _____ (to lock) the door. Hansel and Gretel never _____ (to allow) the witch back into her house again.

How does the fairy tale really end? Write the correct ending!