

Vocabulary Words

1. tornado [tor-ney-doh] (noun): A strong and destructive windstorm that forms a spinning column of air and can cause a lot of damage.
Example: The tornado swept through the town, destroying houses and trees in its path.
2. sweep away [sweep uh-wey] (phrasal verb): To remove or carry away something quickly and forcefully.
Example: The floodwaters swept away cars and debris from the streets.
3. cowardly ['kou-erd-lee] (adjective): Showing a lack of bravery or courage.
Example: The cowardly dog ran away from the loud noises.
4. defeat [dih-feet] (verb): To overcome or win against someone or something in a competition or conflict.
Example: The soccer team worked together to defeat their opponents and win the game.
5. consequence ['kon-si-kwens] (noun): The result or effect of an action or event.
Example: Eating too much candy can have the consequence of getting a stomach ache.
6. ordinary ['awr-duh-ner-ee] (adjective): Common or usual; not special or extraordinary.
Example: He led an ordinary life, going to school and playing with friends like other kids.

Audio clip:



Dorothy of Oz

Dorothy lived on a farm in Kansas with her aunt and uncle. One day, a **tornado swept** her **away** to a magical land called Oz. There, she met interesting characters like the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the **Cowardly** Lion.

Dorothy: "Wow! Hello there! You must be the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion. It's so nice to meet such interesting characters on my journey!"

Together, they went on a journey to find the Wizard of Oz, who they believed could help Dorothy return home. Along the way, they faced many challenges and faced the Wicked Witch of the West, who wanted to stop them.

Wicked Witch of the West: "Ah, Dorothy, you and your friends think you can **defeat** me? I am the powerful Wicked Witch of the West, and I will make sure you never reach your destination. Prepare to face the **consequences** of crossing my path!"

Dorothy: "Be careful, everyone! The Wicked Witch of the West is here, trying to stop us. But we won't let her. We'll keep going and finish our journey!"

With their friendship and courage, Dorothy and her companions managed to defeat the Wicked Witch and reached the Emerald City. However, they discovered that the Wizard of Oz was just an **ordinary** man. Despite this, the wizard granted their wishes and helped Dorothy find her way back to Kansas.

Discussion

1. How did Dorothy's experiences in Oz change her perspective on life?
2. Why do you think the Wizard of Oz helped Dorothy and her friends even though he wasn't a real wizard?
3. What role does friendship play in Dorothy's journey?
4. Do you think Dorothy would have grown and learned as much if she had stayed in Kansas?
5. If you had the chance to visit a magical land like Oz, what lessons or experiences do you think you would gain?