

Vocabulary Words

1. wicked ['wik-id] (adjective): Very bad or evil.
Example: The wicked witch cast a spell on the princess, turning her into a frog.
2. kidnap ['kid-nap] (verb): To take someone away by force, usually for ransom or against their will.
Example: The criminals attempted to kidnap the wealthy businessman's daughter for a hefty ransom.
3. wise ['wahyz] (adjective): Having or showing good judgment, knowledge, or understanding.
Example: The wise old man offered valuable advice to the young adventurers.
4. rescue ['res-kyoo] (verb): To save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation.
Example: The firefighters arrived just in time to rescue the family from the burning house.
5. trap ['trap] (noun): A device or situation designed to catch or hold someone or something.
Example: The mouse got caught in the trap set by the homeowner to control pests.
6. gratitude ['gra-dih-tood] (noun): The feeling of being thankful or appreciative.
Example: She expressed her gratitude to her friend for helping her during a difficult time.

Audio clip:



Snow Queen

In a faraway land, there was a **wicked** Snow Queen who had the power to control ice and snow. She was feared by everyone in the kingdom. One day, she **kidnapped** a young boy named Kai and took him to her icy palace. Kai's friend, Gerda, was determined to save him. She went on a dangerous journey to find the Snow Queen and bring Kai back home.

Gerda: "I won't let fear freeze my heart. I am Gerda, and I'll go through the icy land to save my friend from the Snow Queen!"

On her journey, Gerda faced many challenges and met various characters who helped her along the way. She met talking animals, friendly robbers, and a **wise** old woman. With their assistance, Gerda continued her search for the Snow Queen. She remained hopeful and determined, never giving up on her mission to **rescue** Kai.

"Hello, talking animals! It's nice to meet you all. Friendly robbers, thank you for your help. Wise old woman, your wisdom is precious. Let's keep going together to save my friend."

Finally, Gerda reached the Snow Queen's palace. She found Kai **trapped** in a block of ice, his heart frozen by the Snow Queen's magic mirror. With her pure love and tears, Gerda managed to melt the ice and free Kai from the Snow Queen's spell.

"Gerda, your love and tears have melted the ice around my heart. You have saved me from the Snow Queen's spell. Thank you for never giving up on me."

The Snow Queen's power was broken, and spring returned to the kingdom. Gerda and Kai returned home, safe and filled with **gratitude** for the love and friendship that had saved them.

Discussion

1. Why do you think the Snow Queen targeted Kai specifically? Was there something special about him?
2. How did Gerda's determination and courage help her overcome the challenges she faced?
3. What role did love and friendship play in the story? How did they ultimately save Gerda and Kai?
4. If you were faced with a dangerous journey like Gerda, what qualities would you need to succeed?
5. How does the story of "The Snow Queen" teach us about the power of love and compassion?