

Vocabulary Words

1. Harmony /'hɑ:rməni/ (Noun) A state of peaceful coexistence or agreement.
Example: The music flowed in perfect harmony, soothing the listeners' souls.
2. Ambition /æm'bɪʃən/ (Noun) A strong desire or drive to achieve something, often accompanied by determination.
Example: Her ambition led her to climb the corporate ladder with unwavering dedication.
3. Betray /bɪ'treɪ/ (Verb) To break trust or loyalty by acting against someone's expectations.
Example: His decision to betray his closest friend left a deep wound that took years to heal.
4. Echo /'ɛkəʊ/ (Verb) To repeat or reflect a sound or sentiment.
Example: Her laughter echoed through the empty hallway, filling it with a sense of joy and warmth.
5. Proclaim /prə'kleɪm/ (Verb) To announce or declare something publicly and confidently.
Example: The king stood before his subjects to proclaim a day of celebration and gratitude.
6. Prick /prɪk/ (Verb) To puncture or pierce with a sharp object.
Example: She accidentally pricked her finger while sewing, causing a tiny drop of blood.
7. Guilt /gɪlt/ (Noun) A feeling of responsibility or remorse for having done something wrong.
Example: His guilt over the accident haunted him, making it hard to sleep at night.
8. Revoke /rɪ'vəʊk/ (Verb) To officially cancel or withdraw something, such as a law or privilege.
Example: The government decided to revoke the controversial policy after public outcry.
9. Affection /ə'fɛkʃən/ (Noun) A gentle and warm feeling of fondness or care towards someone or something.
Example: The cat purred with affection as its owner stroked its fur.
10. Realm /rɛlm/ (Noun) A kingdom, domain, or field of activity or influence.
Example: In the realm of science fiction, imaginative worlds come to life.
11. Sorceress /'sɔ:rsərəs/ (Noun) A female practitioner of magic, often associated with supernatural powers.
Example: The sorceress cast a spell to conjure a protective barrier around the village.
12. Redemption /rɪ'dɛmpʃən/ (Noun) The act of being saved or set free from sin, error, or wrongdoing.
Example: His acts of kindness were a path to his own redemption after a troubled past.
13. Enduring /ɪn'dʒʊrɪŋ/ (Adjective) Lasting, continuing, or able to withstand the test of time.
Example: Their enduring friendship remained unshaken, even through life's challenges.



Maleficent

Once upon a time, in a magical land, lived a powerful fairy named Maleficent. She had wings and guarded a peaceful forest. One day, she met a human boy named Stefan, and they became friends. As they grew older, their bond turned into love.

Stefan: Maleficent, my love, together we could rule the kingdom with your magic and my wit.

Maleficent: (hesitates) Stefan, power should not come at the cost of our love and **harmony**. The forest is my home, and I must protect it.

But as the years went by, Stefan's **ambition** for power grew stronger. He **betrayed** Maleficent and cut off her wings to become king. Heartbroken and filled with anger, Maleficent stood tall before Stefan.

[Maleficent steps forward, her voice **echoing** with magic]

Maleficent: Stefan, you have taken my wings, but you will never break my spirit. This curse shall remind you of the darkness within your heart.

Maleficent cast a curse on Stefan's daughter, Aurora. She **proclaimed** that Aurora would **prick** her finger on a spindle and fall into a deep sleep forever.

Maleficent watched over Aurora from afar as she grew up, feeling a mix of **guilt** and protectiveness. Maleficent's heart softened as she saw the kind and innocent nature of the young princess. She tried to **revoke** the curse, but it seemed unbreakable.

In a surprising twist of fate, Maleficent's love for Aurora began to change the course of the curse. Maleficent's motherly **affection** broke the spell, and Aurora awakened with a kiss of true love. The land was saved, and Maleficent's heart was healed.

Maleficent and Aurora united the human and fairy **realms**, showing that love and forgiveness could overcome darkness. Maleficent, once feared as an evil **sorceress**, became a symbol of hope and transformation, proving that even the most powerful magic can't stand against the power of love.

And so, Maleficent's tale became a legend of **redemption** and the **enduring** strength of an unexpected bond.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Who is the protagonist of the story?
2. What magical ability does Maleficent possess?
3. How did Maleficent and Stefan's relationship evolve over time?
4. What proposal does Stefan make to Maleficent, and how does she respond?
5. What action does Stefan take that leads to a significant turning point in the story?
6. How does Maleficent react to the loss of her wings?
7. What curse does Maleficent cast upon Stefan's daughter, Aurora?
8. How does Maleficent's perception of Aurora change as the young princess grows up?
9. How does Maleficent's love for Aurora ultimately impact the curse?
10. What message does the story convey about the power of love and forgiveness?

Discussion

1. If you had magical powers like Maleficent, what would you use them for?
2. Imagine you could talk to animals like Maleficent. Which animal would you want as your friend and why?
3. What do you think Maleficent's favorite part of guarding the forest was?

4. If you were in Maleficent's shoes, how would you react to Stefan's proposal?
5. If you could create a spell like Maleficent, what would it do?
6. How would you break the curse on Aurora if you were Maleficent?
7. If you could have any magical creature as a pet, what would it be and what would you name it?