

Vocabulary Words

1. Dense (adjective) - Closely compacted or crowded, often indicating thickness or complexity.
Example: The dense forest was challenging to navigate due to the thick vegetation.
2. Quest (noun) - A journey or search made in order to find or achieve something.
Example: The knight embarked on a perilous quest to rescue the captured princess.
3. Cape (noun) - A pointed piece of land that extends into a body of water, typically larger than a peninsula.
Example: The lighthouse stood proudly at the tip of the cape, guiding ships safely.
4. Familiar (adjective) - Well-known or easily recognized due to previous knowledge or experience.
Example: The old, familiar tune brought back memories of childhood.
5. Desire (noun) - A strong feeling of wanting or wishing for something.
Example: Her desire to travel the world led her to save money for a grand adventure.
6. Lift (verb) - To raise or elevate something to a higher position.
Example: He used a crane to lift the heavy cargo onto the truck.
7. Consequence (noun) - The result or outcome of an action or situation, often with significant effects.
Example: The consequence of his decision was that he lost his job.



Into the Woods

Once upon a time in a village near a **dense** forest, there lived a baker and his wife. They wished for a child but couldn't have one because of a curse placed on their house by the wicked witch next door.

One day, the witch appeared and told them how to break the curse. She sent them on a **quest** into the woods to collect specific items: a cow as white as milk, a **cape** as red as blood, hair as yellow as corn, and a slipper as pure as gold.

The baker and his wife journeyed into the woods, where they met **familiar** fairytale characters. They encountered Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Jack (of beanstalk fame), each on their own quests.

As they collected the items, the characters faced challenges and **dilemmas**. They also learned important lessons about their **desires** and actions.

When they returned with the items, the witch **lifted** the curse, and the baker and his wife were blessed with a child. But they soon realized that their actions in the woods had **consequences** for the others.

The story reminds us that wishes and quests may lead to unexpected **outcomes**, and the choices we make affect not only ourselves but those around us.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
2. Why couldn't the baker and his wife have a child?
3. What did the witch require the baker and his wife to find in the woods to break the curse?
4. Which fairytale characters did the baker and his wife encounter in the woods?
5. What challenges did the characters face during their quests?
6. What important lessons did the characters learn?
7. What happened when the witch lifted the curse?
8. What is the main message or lesson of the story?
9. How did the characters' actions in the woods affect each other?
10. Do you think the characters were ultimately happy with their wishes coming true?

Discussion Questions:

1. If you were sent on a quest into the woods, what items or challenges do you think you might encounter?

2. The story features familiar fairytale characters. Which fairytale character's quest did you find most interesting, and why?
3. How do the characters' wishes and desires lead to both positive and negative consequences in the story?
4. What do you think the baker and his wife learned from their journey into the woods?
5. Have you ever made a wish or set out on a quest, and did it turn out the way you expected? Share your experience.
6. The story suggests that our actions can impact others. Can you think of a time when something you did had unexpected consequences for someone else?
7. If you could choose one character's quest from the story to embark on yourself, whose quest would you pick, and why?
8. The woods in the story represent challenges and uncertainties. What are some challenges you've faced, and how did you overcome them?
9. What do you think the message of "Into the Woods" teaches us about making wishes and facing challenges in life?
10. If you could rewrite the ending of the story, how would you want it to conclude for the characters?