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# The Play



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### **What's this story about?**

Mrs May reads the story 'The Wizard of Oz' to the children. During a wet playtime, the children play 'The Wizard of Oz'. That gives Mrs May an idea for putting on a play.

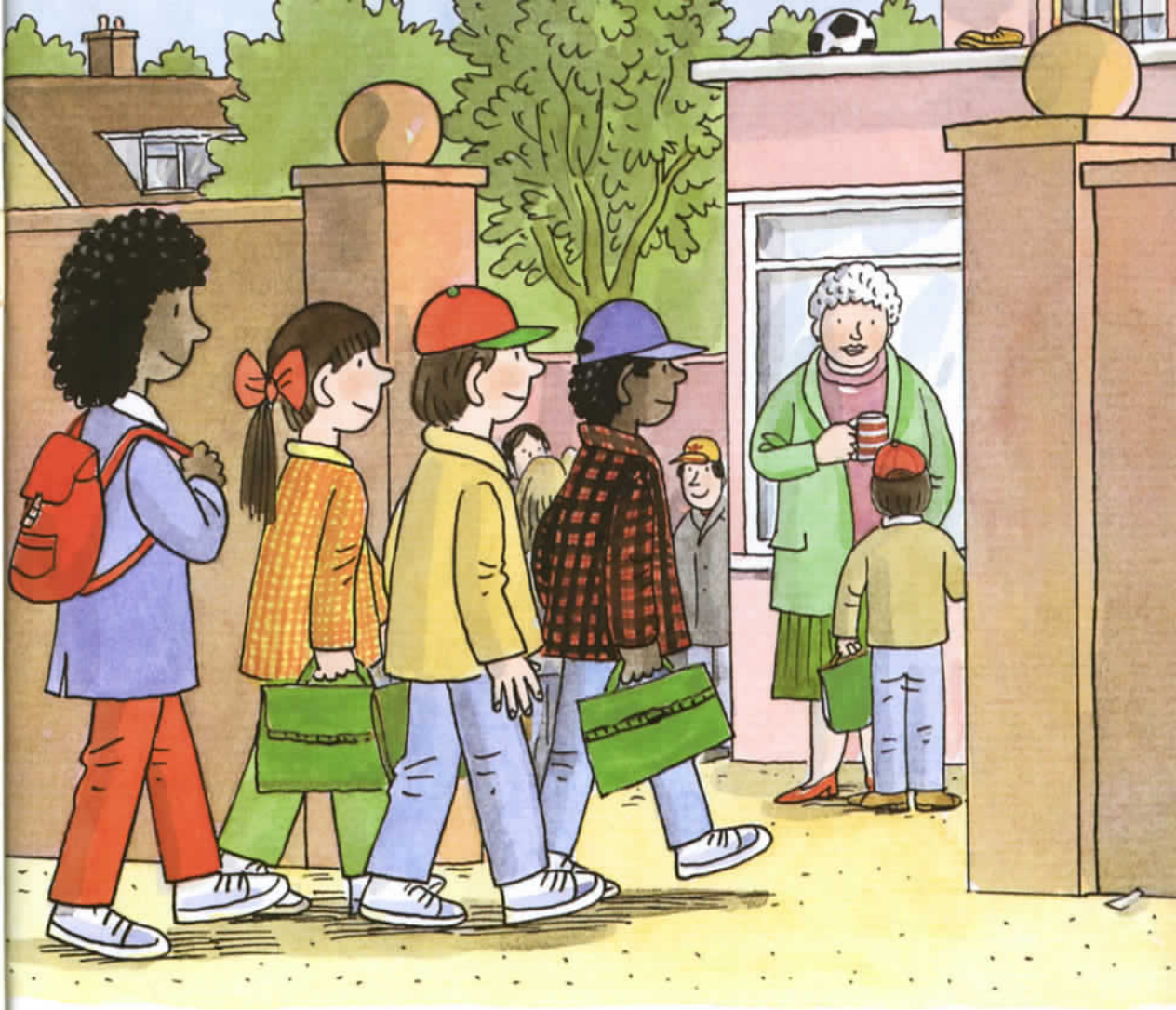
### **Talk together**

If the child has been in a play or concert at school, talk about what happened. If he/she likes dressing up, ask, "Who do you like pretending to be?" Look at the pictures on the cover. Guess who or what each child is pretending to be.

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition    **C** = Language comprehension

- Read the story together. Talk about the pictures as you read.
- W** Page 6, show the child how to work out 'Dorothy' using letter sounds: D-o-r-o-th-y.
- W** Page 8, point out that 'Scarecrow' is made up of two words: 'scare' and 'crow'.
- C** Pages 16 and 17, use the pictures to see which child is inside each costume.
- C** Page 24, ask, "Why did Chip say it was like the play?"
- C** Together, discuss what happened in the story in the right order. Use the book to help you.
- Ask the child to read the story again. If necessary, put in a bookmark and read more tomorrow.



Biff and Chip went to school.  
They went with Wilf and Wilma.





Biff and Chip liked Mrs May.  
They were in her class.



Wilf liked Mrs May. He was in  
her class too.





It was story time.

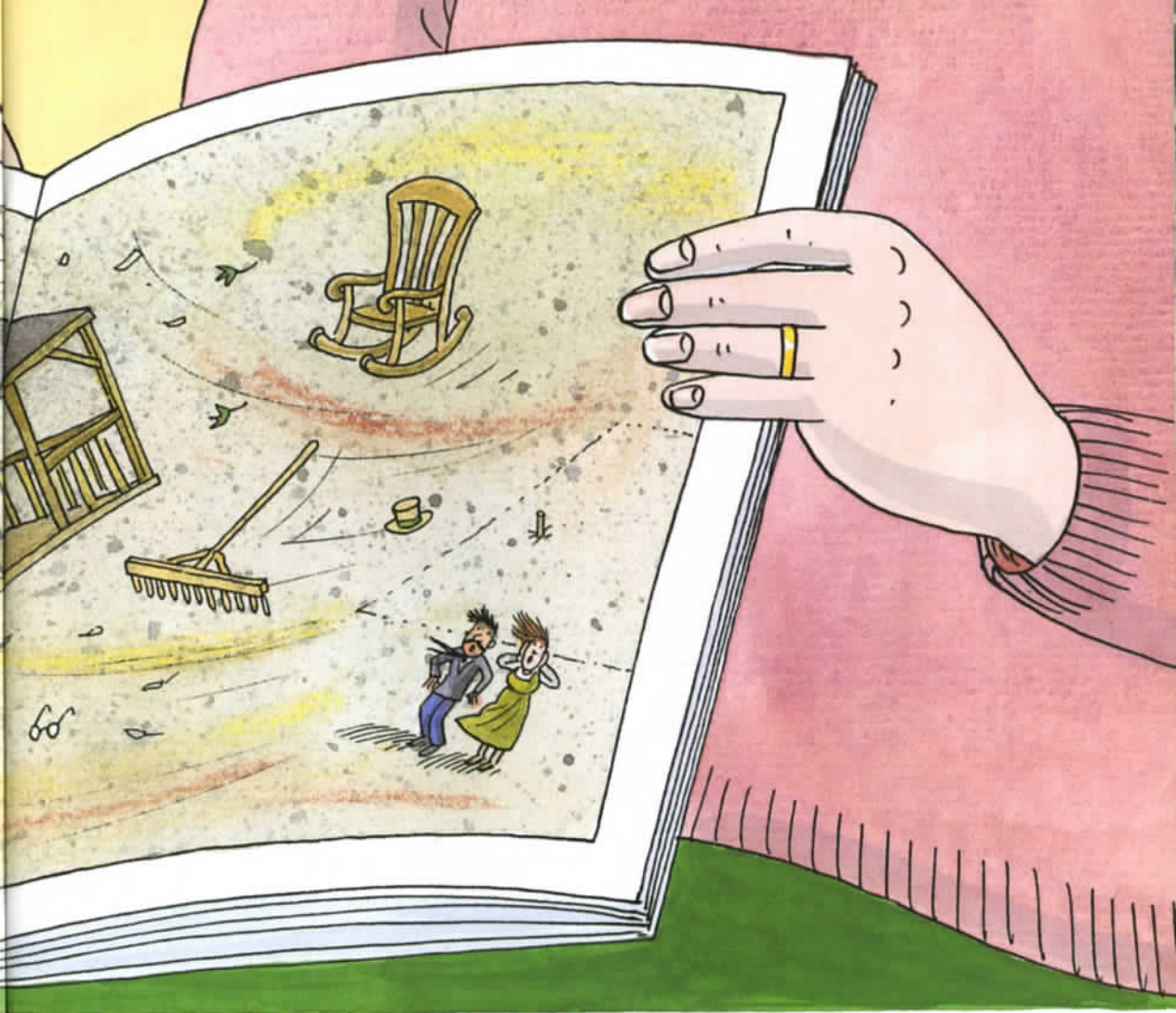


The story was The Wizard of Oz.  
It was about a girl and her dog.

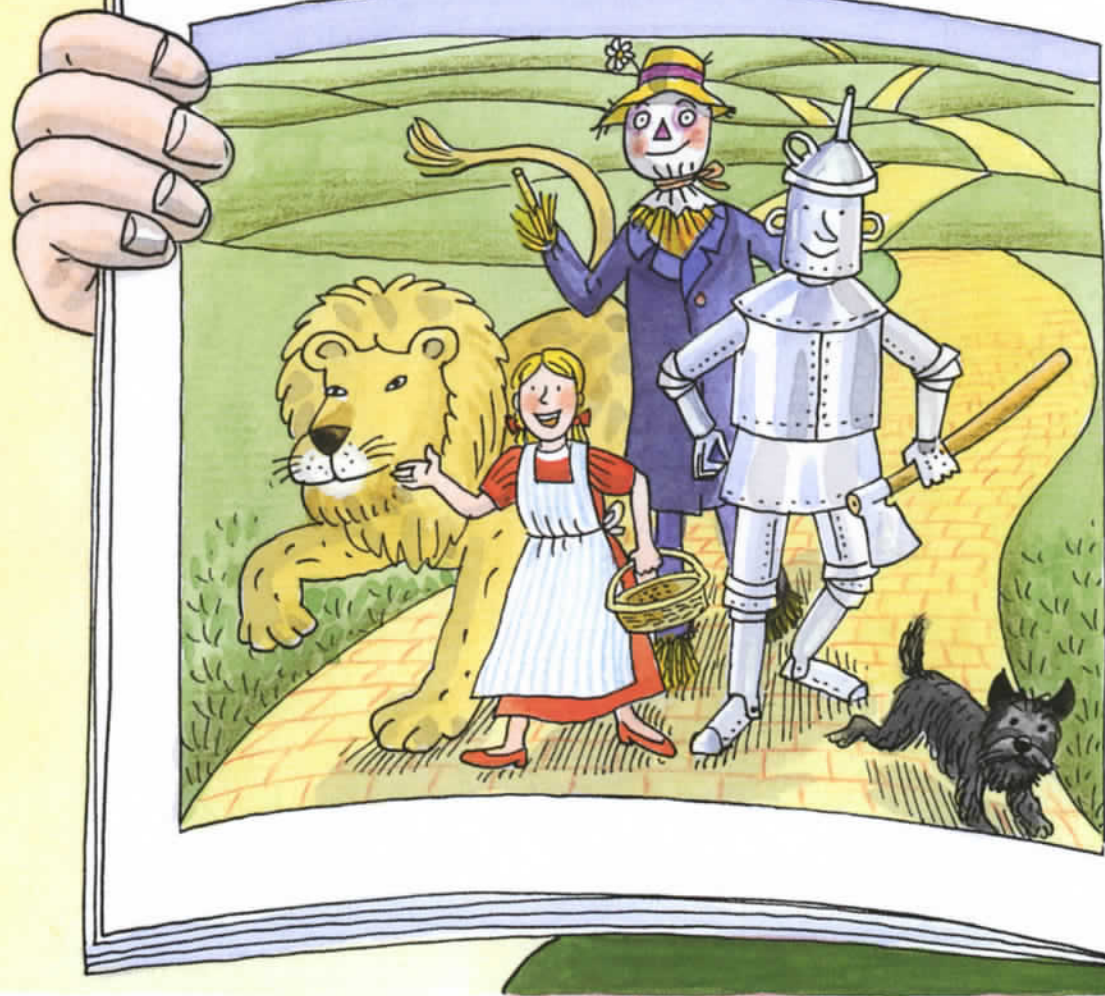


The girl was Dorothy.



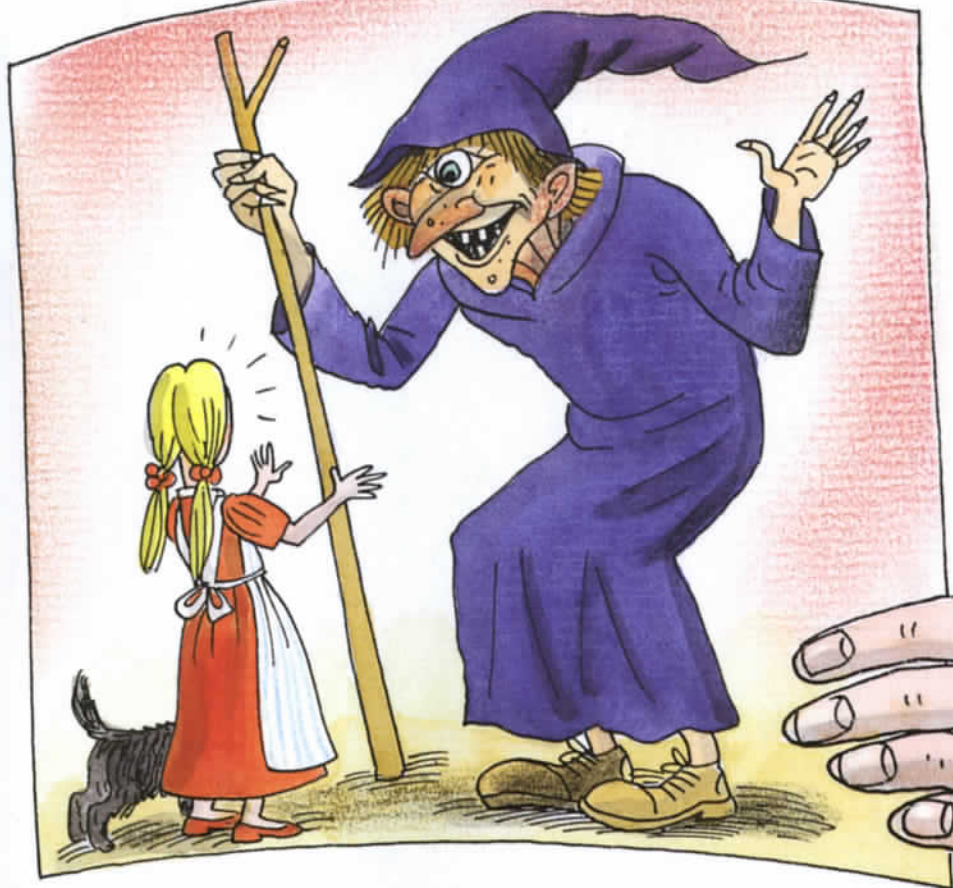


There was a storm. The wind  
blew the house away.

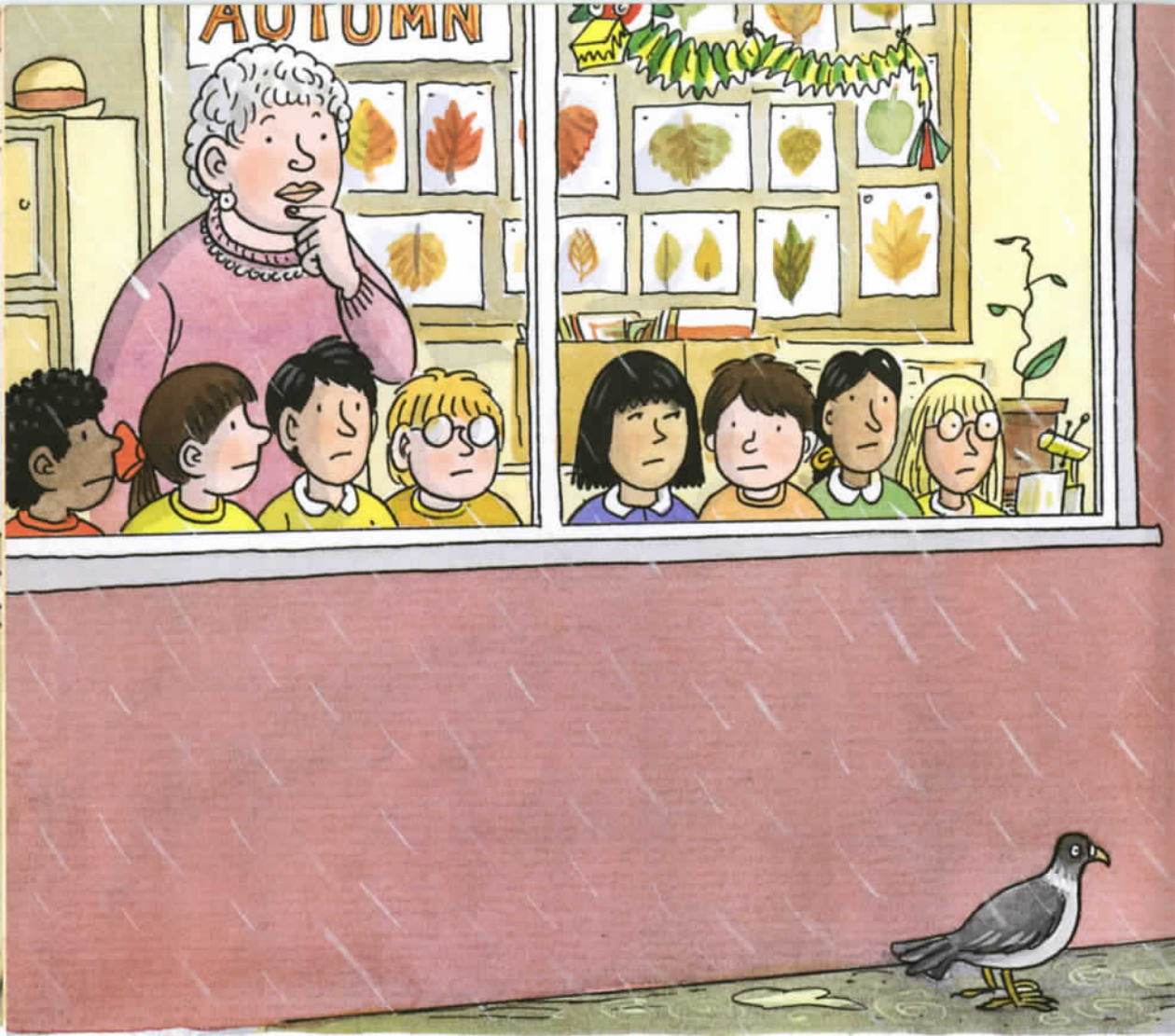


Dorothy met the Scarecrow.  
She met the Tin Man. She met  
the Lion.





Dorothy met a witch.



There was a storm. It was  
playtime.





The children couldn't play  
outside.



The children played inside. They played The Wizard of Oz.





Mrs May liked the little play.



Mrs May put on a play. The play was The Wizard of Oz.





Wilf's mum helped Mrs May.



Chip was the Tin Man. Wilf was the Lion.



Biff was a witch.





Wilf's dad helped Mrs May. He painted a house.



The children helped him.



The mums and dads came. They liked the play.





“What a good play!” they said.



The children liked the play. They gave Mrs May some flowers.





“It was good fun,” said Wilf.





It was time to go home. There was a storm.

“It’s like the play,” said Chip.

# 5 The Play

The class put on a play.

This story practises these words:

about came could(n't) girl good help(ed)  
her him home house may school some  
there time too were what with



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