



## Let's read.

### Read the story of Hansel and Gretel.

Once upon a time, there lived a very poor woodcutter, his wife, and his two children, Hansel and Gretel. They lived in a tiny cottage at the end of the village.



One evening, Hansel and Gretel overheard their father and stepmother arguing.

"We don't have enough food to eat. Soon we will all starve," said the stepmother.

"You're right, but I don't know what to do," their father answered.

"I have a plan," said their stepmother. "We have to leave the children in the forest. This is the only way to save on food."

Finally, after much argument the father reluctantly agreed. Hansel went to bed with a heavy heart.



The next morning, Hansel and Gretel were taken to the forest. Hansel kept some breadcrumbs in his pocket. He dropped them along the way without his parents' knowledge. He hoped to find the way home.

"Children wait here. Your father and I are going to collect some firewood," said the stepmother. Hansel, however, knew that they would never return.

### Read the story above and answer these questions.

1. Why did Hansel drop the breadcrumbs?  
 a. To give food to the birds  
 b. To find his way back home  
 c. To eat it later
2. Do you think Hansel is intelligent? Why?  
 a. Yes, because he tries to find a way back home.  
 b. No, because he throws away the breadcrumbs.  
 c. Yes, because he leaves food for animals.
3. Compare the characters of the father and stepmother.

