

The Snowchild



Many years ago there lived an old man and his wife. His wife was also an old woman. They lived in a nice little house in the wood. They had no children, but they wanted to have a daughter very much.

It was winter. It was cold The sky was grey. The trees had no leaves. There was much snow on the ground. The snow was very, very white. One day the old man and his wife decided to make a girl out of snow. So they went out into the garden and made a girl out of snow. The girl was very pretty, but she was all white. Even cheeks were not rosy, they were white, too.

The little pretty girl opened her eyes and said: «Good morning, father! Good morning mother! »The old man and the old woman were very glad to have a daughter. As they made their daughter out of snow, they called her Snowchild.

Snowchild was a very good girl. She always helped her old mother. Snowchild liked to sing, and she sang all day long. They all were very happy. But soon spring came. The sky was blue. The birds sang in the wood. The sun shone in the sky. It was warm. There was no snow on the ground.

The old man was very glad. His wife was glad, too. The children were glad. All the boys and girls were happy. Only Snowchild was not glad. She was unhappy. She didn't go out into the garden. She stayed at home all day long. At home she didn't sing. Her friends came and called her out. But. Snowchild did not want to go out.

«Go, Snowchild, » said her mother. «Go and play with the girls. »

So Snowchild went out and played with the girls.

At that time the sun shone very brightly. It was very warm. The girls liked the sun. They were very happy.

But Snowchild was unhappy. She didn't like the sun. The snowgirl was afraid of the sun and she began to cry. She cried and the sun shone and soon there was no Snowchild, only a little pool of water.

Answer the questions

1. Where did an old man and his wife live?
2. Did they have children?
3. What was the season?
4. Did the trees have leaves?
5. What did they make out of snow?
6. Why was the girl sad when the spring came?
7. What happened with the snowgirl?

Read and choose True False

1. An old man and his wife lived in a big house in the village. T F
2. They had two children. T F
3. It was winter. T F
4. Their daughter's name was Snowchild. T F
5. The girl helped their parents. T F
6. The girl liked spring very much. T F

Write past form of the verb

be-

have-

go-

make-

sing-

come-

shine-

begin-

Complete the sentences with the word

drank broke slept forgot sent bought saw fed got wrote did
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1. I am hungry because I _____ not eat lunch.
2. He _____ his dog at the same time every day.
3. My sister _____ a lot of poems when she was young.
4. We _____ coffee with milk.
5. Last Monday I _____ my daybook at school.
6. My father _____ a luxury car last week.
7. My son _____ good marks yesterday.
8. Children _____ a cute bear in the zoo.
9. My parents _____ eight hours yesterday.
10. Last Sunday I _____ two messages to my friends.
11. My friend fell off his bike and _____ his leg.

Match words with pictures

winter sky ground Snowchild wood to be afraid of spring cheeks leaves



Complete the sentences with the word

winter sky leaves spring wood was afraid of cheeks Snowchild ground

1. _____ is a fairy tale about a girl made of snow.
2. Children made a snowman in _____
3. I _____ spiders when I was a kid.
4. In autumn my family went to pick up mushrooms in the _____.
5. Many flowers bloom in _____
6. There's snow on the _____
7. My sister has beautiful rosy _____
8. Birds fly in the _____
9. The _____ are turning red in autumn.

Complete the sentences with the missing words

know went build sent drink met win had tell saw

1. My older brother _____ three mobile phones when he was a teenager.
2. Did you _____ milkshakes yesterday?
3. I didn't _____ how to answer his question.
4. They _____ to the zoo yesterday.
5. My parents _____ me a postcard
6. I didn't _____ my parents about bad marks.
7. Our friend _____ him break the window.
8. People did not _____ a bridge across the river.
9. I _____ an old man near the station.
10. Yesterday we didn't _____ a tennis competition.