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The Snow Queen

A long, long time ago, there was a magic mirror. It made beautiful, good things look ugly and bad. One day, the magic mirror broke into many, many small, sharp pieces and the wind blew the pieces all over the world.

If a piece touched someone's eye, the person forgot the pain and the person could never be happy again. If a piece of the magic mirror touched a person's heart, the heart became cold and the person could not love anyone.

Kay and his friend, Gerda, lived in two old houses in Sweden. In the summer, they grew roses in their window boxes. In the cold winter, deep snow covered the window boxes.

One day in the winter, Kay and Gerda were looking through a window. The snow was falling. The snowflakes were beautiful.

'The snowflakes are soldiers,' said Gerda's grandmother.

'Do they have a queen?' asked Kay.

'Yes,' said the old woman. 'She's called the Snow Queen. The snowflakes are her soldiers.'

'I'd like to see the Snow Queen,' said Kay quietly.

That night, Kay looked out of the window. He saw a tall, white, beautiful woman! Her eyes were like two cold stars. Kay closed the curtains quickly but he never forgot the beautiful woman.

Soon spring came and the roses grew again. One day, when Kay and Gerda were looking at the roses, Kay suddenly shouted. One piece of the magic mirror was in Kay's eye, and another one was in his heart.

'What's the matter?' asked Gerda. Kay did not answer. He pushed Gerda away angrily.

'Don't touch me!' Kay shouted. 'Your hands are dirty!'

Then he looked at the beautiful roses. They looked ugly. He said, 'They're ugly. I don't like them!'

Gerda started to cry. 'Don't cry! You look ugly when you cry!' shouted Kay. 'Go away!'

Gerda was very sad. Kay was very unhappy. He did not love Gerda now. His heart was as cold as ice.

Puzzles

1. Find these words in the word square. We have found two words for you already.

roses

Kay

sharp

Snow Queen

ugly
gerda
ice
houses
heart
snowflakes
cold
magic

S	H	A	R	P	G	L	A	S	S
N	O	K	M	O	B	E	W	N	P
O	U	E	C	A	S	V	E	N	L
W	S	Y	O	A	G	E	R	D	A
F	E	D	L	S	U	I	S	O	Y
L	S	F	D	Q	G	I	C	E	E
A	F	R	W	K	L	M	J	W	Y
K	H	O	A	O	Y	T	E	A	S
E	N	T	Y	C	R	U	K	L	T
S	H	E	A	R	T	M	I	N	T

2. Who said these sentences? Choose from the people below and write the right names in the blanks.

- Kay Gerda Gerda's grandmother
- a) 'The snowflakes are soldiers.' _____
- b) 'I'd like to see the Snow Queen.' _____
- c) 'What's the matter?' _____
- d) 'You look ugly when you cry!' _____

Autumn came, then winter, and the children played with their sledges. One snowy day, Kay saw a big sledge with two beautiful reindeer near his house. Kay tied his small sledge to the big one, and waited. The sledge started to move. It moved very quickly on the snow. The reindeer ran like the wind. Soon Kay could not see his house behind him. He was afraid!

At last the big sledge stopped and the driver got out. It was the Snow Queen! .

She put her long white coat round Kay, and kissed him. Her lips were as cold as ice. She threw Kay's little sledge onto a pile of snow. 'Now fly away with me,' she said.

The next day Kay's family found his sledge but they did not find Kay 'The wolves have eaten him!' they said. 'They're always hungry in the winter.'

'It isn't true,' thought Gerda. 'I will go and look for Kay

in the spring.'

One day in early spring, Gerda went down to the river. 'River,' she said, 'have you seen my friend Kay?'

'No,' said the river. Then Gerda saw a little boat. She climbed into it, and the boat started to move slowly down the river.

The boat stopped beside a beautiful garden. An old woman helped Gerda to get out of the boat. 'Who are you, child?' asked the old woman kindly.

'I'm Gerda, and I'm looking for my friend. He's lost.' Gerda told the old woman about Kay and the roses.

The old woman had no children and she wanted Gerda to live with her. She wanted her to forget Kay. So she said some magic words and they made Gerda forget Kay. 'Kay likes roses. If Gerda sees my roses, she will remember him,' thought the old woman. So she said another magic word to hide all her roses under the ground.

Puzzles

1. Read the sentences below and write the answers in the crossword.

- a) The time when Kay saw a big sledge.
- b) They pulled the big sledge.
- c) The time when Gerda went to look for Kay.
- d) Gerda climbed into it.
- e) Kay's family thought they ate Kay.
- f) The Snow Queen put it round Kay.

2. Join the two parts of the sentences.

- a) The reindeer ran . . . very quickly
- b) The Snow Queen's lips were . . . like the wind.
- c) The big sledge moved . . . kindly.
- d) The boat moved . . . as cold as ice.
- e) The old woman talked to Gerda . . . slowly.

Gerda lived happily with the kind old woman. Then, one cold day in the autumn, Gerda saw a picture of a rose. The picture made Gerda think of Kay's roses in the window boxes in his house. And then she remembered Kay. She started to cry. Her tears fell onto the leaves on the ground. Suddenly Gerda saw a red rose growing. It nodded its beautiful head.

'Rose,' said Gerda, 'have you seen Kay?' The rose shook its head. Gerda ran to the other flowers in the garden. 'Have you seen Kay?' she asked, but all the flowers shook their heads.

'I must go and look for Kay at once!' Gerda said to herself.

'Wait!' shouted the old woman, but Gerda ran out of the

beautiful garden.

Gerda ran and ran. Soon it was dark and the trees looked like ugly old men with long, horrible fingers. She was very afraid.

Then a big black bird flew down from a tree and sat on Gerda's shoulder. 'Please, Bird,' said Gerda, 'have you seen my friend Kay?'

'I saw him last winter,' said the big black bird. 'He flew away in the Snow Queen's sledge.'

'Which way did they go?' asked Gerda.

'To the north,' said the bird, and it flew away.

Then Gerda met a reindeer. She told him her story. 'Climb onto my back, little girl,' said the reindeer. 'I know an old woman in Lapland. She knows many things. We'll ask her to help us.'

Gerda was very tired and she fell asleep on the reindeer's back. When she woke

again, she saw a lot of beautiful lights in the sky

'Those are the Northern Lights,' said the reindeer. 'We only see them in the sky near the North Pole. Soon we shall be in Lapland.'

They came to the old woman's little house. 'The Snow Queen does not live here. She lives in a castle near the North Pole. There the snow never melts and the ground is always frozen,' said the old woman.

'Oh, no!' shouted Gerda.

The old woman said, 'Don't be sad! Kay's happy because his heart has become Very cold, too.'

'How can I make his heart warm again?' asked Gerda.

'I don't know,' said the woman.

Puzzles

Look at the pictures. Write the right words in the blanks to tell the story.

Gerda asked a red a)_____about Kay but it b)_____ its head. c)_____came to d)_____and sat on her _____. e). She asked it about f) _____. It said, 'He flew to the north with the Snow Queen in her g)_____. Gerda asked a h)_____to help her. She climbed onto his i)_____and they went to j)_____. They found the old woman. She said, 'The Snow Queen has a k)_____ near the North Pole. l)_____is there.'

Gerda rode the reindeer to the Snow Queen's castle. The Northern Lights were shining on the walls of the castle. No flowers grew and no birds sang there because it was always winter.

Gerda thanked the reindeer and kissed his soft, pink nose. 'Wait for me here,' she said. Then she walked bravely through the gates.

Snow was falling. The snowflakes were the Snow Queen's soldiers and they did not want Gerda to go into the castle. Gerda was very, very afraid! But her warm, kind heart melted the snowflakes and Gerda walked through the tall doors of the Snow Queen's castle.

There was a magic mirror in the Snow Queen's castle. It was made of thousands of small, sharp pieces of ice. Together, the pieces made a beautiful picture.

Kay liked playing with the pieces. They were like a puzzle. He played with them all the time. He made pictures, and he made words, but he could not spell one word. That word was WINTER.

'I'm going away,' said the Snow Queen one day. 'Try to do your puzzle before I come back, Kay. If you can spell WINTER, I'll let you go.' But she thought, 'The puzzle's too difficult for him.'

Now Gerda found Kay beside the magic mirror! She took Kay in her arms and kissed him. His body was very cold and he did not remember Gerda. 'Go away!' he shouted angrily.

Gerda started to cry. Kay saw her tears and his heart became warm again. Kay started to cry, too. As he cried, the piece of the magic mirror came out of his eye. Now he remembered Gerda! He kissed her, and they danced and laughed together.

The pieces of ice in the magic mirror danced, too. When they stopped the word WINTER!

'Hooray!' shouted Kay. 'We've done the Snow Queen's puzzle. We can go home now!'

As they walked, the snow on the ground melted and green grass grew. They climbed onto the reindeer's back and went home happily.

Puzzles

1. Write the right words in the blanks. The first one has been done for you.

Gerda and the reindeer a) came (come) to the gates of the Snow Queen's castle. The Northern Lights b) _____ (shine) on its walls. No flowers c) _____ (grow) and no birds d) _____ (sing). Gerda e) _____ (tell) the reindeer to wait outside the castle. Gerda's tears f) _____ (melt) the snowflakes. She g) _____ (walk) through the tall doors of the castle and h) _____ (find) Kay. She i) _____ (take) Kay in her arms and j) _____ (kiss) him.

2. Kay and Gerda did the Snow Queen's puzzle. Can you do our puzzle? Find the missing letters. Write them in the right places to spell the words.

The North and South Poles

Can you see the North and South Poles? They are on the opposite sides of the world.

In most places in the world, the sun rises and sets every day. But it is different near the two Poles. For many days in the middle of the winter there is only night near the North Pole because the sun does not rise. When it is dark near the North Pole, it is light near the South Pole.

Also, for many days in the middle of the summer there is only day near the North Pole because the sun does not set. When it is light near the North Pole, it is dark near the South Pole.

Antarctica

Antarctica is the coldest place in the world. The South Pole is in the centre of Antarctica. There are no land animals, trees or flowers, but there are a lot of fish, sea animals like seals, and sea birds like penguins. Penguins are birds but they cannot fly.

In 1911 Roald Amundsen, a Norwegian, walked across Antarctica to the South Pole with sledges and dogs. He was the first man to go to the South Pole and return safely. Many people tried to go to the South Pole but most of them died before they found it.

Today people from many countries visit Antarctica. They also use sledges but their sledges now have engines like cars. They have radios, too. If they need help, they can use the radios to tell their friends. But Antarctica is still a very dangerous place.

The Arctic

The North Pole is in the centre of the Arctic. There are no cows or sheep near the North Pole because there is no grass for them to eat. But we can find reindeer near the North Pole because they can dig with their hoofs and find small plants under the ice and snow.

The sea near the North Pole is full of fish. Seals, whales and other sea animals catch the fish in the sea and eat them. Polar bears live on the ice near the North Pole, too. They eat seals and other animals. Polar bears have very thick, white coats to keep them warm. All animals near the North Pole need warm coats because the weather is always very cold.

Puzzles

1. Read the instructions and complete the map.
 - a) Colour the Arctic in blue.
 - b) Colour Antarctica in green.
 - c) Write South Pole and North Pole in the right boxes.
2. Tick the right place(s) for each item.

	The Arctic	Antarctica
a) South Pole	_____	_____
b) North Pole	_____	_____
c) polar bears	_____	_____
d) seals	_____	_____
e) penguins	_____	_____
f) Roald Amundsen	_____	_____
g) reindeer	_____	_____
h) the coldest place in the world	_____	_____

People near the North Pole

Lapland is in the north of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia. Not many people live there because it is very cold.

The children in Lapland learn to ski when they are very small.

Reindeer used to be very important to the people of Lapland. They used to go everywhere by reindeer sledge. They ate reindeer meat. They drank reindeer milk and they made bags, clothes and shoes from reindeer skins. Now they can buy food and clothes in shops. But they still make beautiful clothes, shoes and bags with reindeer skins.

The Inuit live in Greenland, Canada and Alaska near the North Pole. They are also called Eskimos. Today they live in houses. They have shops and schools, hospitals and libraries. In the past their lives were very different.

Seals were the most important thing to them. They ate seal meat. They used to live in sealskin tents. They wore thick, warm sealskin clothes. They made sealskin boats, too. The Inuit made strong, light sledges. Inuit dogs were not pets. They pulled the sledges and they slept outside in the snow. The Inuit made holes in the frozen ground and speared fish through the holes.

Sometimes, when the Inuit were away from home, they built small, round snow houses called igloos. They slept on sealskins on the frozen ground.

Puzzles

1. Put a tick (✓) beside the things that are true and a cross (✗) beside the things that are false.

a) The people in Lapland used to go everywhere by reindeer sledge. _____

b) The people in Lapland ate reindeer meat and drank reindeer milk. _____

c) Eskimos is another name for Inuit. _____

d) Today the Inuit have shops and schools. _____

e) Today the Inuit live in sealskin tents. _____

f) The Inuit did not eat seal meat. _____

g) An igloo is a small, round snow house. _____

2. Nuka is an Inuit. He is 80 years old, and he is telling his grandchildren about the past. Look at the pictures below, and say what Nuka is saying about each picture. Write the answers in the blanks below. Start each sentence with 'I was young, we used to ...'

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

Icebergs and Glaciers

There are icebergs and glaciers in both the North and South Poles.

An iceberg is like a mountain of ice in the sea. It looks very, very big, but you can only see a small part of it above the water. Most of it is under the water. Sometimes the water becomes warmer, and the bottom of the iceberg melts. When the top of the iceberg is heavier than the bottom, the iceberg turns upside down and it makes a terrible noise.

Rivers of ice are called glaciers. Glaciers start at the top of a high mountain. They move like rivers but very, very slowly down the mountains. Some glaciers move faster than others. A glacier usually moves between one centimetre and one metre a day.

Snowflakes

Have you ever looked carefully at a snowflake? Some snowflakes are like wheels and some are like stars but every snowflake has six points.

For children, snow is fun. They can build snowmen with snow. They can throw snowballs and play with their sledges in the snow. They can ski in the snow, too.

Winter is not a good time for some animals and birds because the weather is too cold and they cannot find food. Some animals, like snakes and tortoises, go to sleep in the winter and wake up when the weather is warm again.