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LEVEL 4

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

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ABOUT THE NOVEL

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a children's book written in 1900 by the American author L. Frank Baum. It is one of the best-known stories in American literature. It was originally published by the George M. Hill company in Chicago, and the first edition quickly sold out. It received positive critical reviews upon release. In a September 1900 review, *The New York Times* praised the novel, and in April 2000, the Library of Congress declared the work to be "America's greatest and best-loved homegrown fairy tale." Its huge success led to Baum's writing thirteen more Oz books, and he continued to attract readers with his magical world. Within several decades after its publication, the book inspired a number of adaptations, including musicals, films, comics, games and other media. The story tells the adventures of a farm girl named Dorothy. After she and her pet dog Toto are swept away from their home by a cyclone, they find themselves in the fantastical Land of Oz. With her new companions, Dorothy begins a journey full of friendship, magic and danger.

SUMMARY

Dorothy is a young girl who lives with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry on a farm in Kansas. She also has a little black dog called Toto. One day, a sudden cyclone strikes, and Aunt Em tells her to hide in the cyclone cellar. Dorothy cannot make it because she looks for Toto. When she finally catches him, the cyclone lifts the house high in the air with Dorothy and Toto inside. As the hours pass, Dorothy falls asleep. Dorothy wakes up in the strange, beautiful and colourful Land of Oz. A group of three very short men named Munchkins and the Witch of the North comes and thanks Dorothy for killing the evil Witch of the East. The Witch of the North gives Dorothy the silver shoes of the dead witch. Dorothy wants to return to Kansas, but to do so, she must travel to the Emerald City to ask the help of the Wizard of Oz. The good witch sends Dorothy off with a magical kiss to protect her from harm.

On her long journey, Dorothy finds travelling companions. Dorothy sees a Scarecrow and rescues him from his pole in a field. The Scarecrow asks to join her on her journey so he can ask the Great Oz for a brain. Soon, they come across a rusted Tin Woodman. Dorothy helps him by oiling his joints, and he also asks to join them so he can ask the Wizard for a heart. As they walk into the forest, a large lion jumps out and scares Toto. When Dorothy yells at him, the Cowardly Lion admits he is a coward and asks to join them on their journey to ask the Wizard for courage. The travellers face many challenges along the way but overcome them all. When Dorothy and her friends finally arrive at the Emerald City, the Great Oz says he will grant their wishes only if they kill the Wicked Witch of the West. So they travel to the Winkie Country. The witch sends wolves, crows, bees and armed Winkies to stop them but fails to do so. Then she uses her Golden Cap to summon the Winged Monkeys. The Winged Monkeys break apart the Scarecrow, drop the Tin Woodman on rocks and cage the Cowardly Lion. Dorothy is taken to the Wicked Witch's castle and enslaved. The witch wants Dorothy's powerful silver shoes, so she tricks Dorothy and causes a shoe to fall off. Dorothy gets angry and throws a bucket of water at the witch, who then melts away. The Winkies rejoice because they are now free and help Dorothy get her friends back.

They set out for the Emerald City to see the Great Oz again. Dorothy has the Golden Cap now, so she uses it to ask the Winged Monkeys to fly them there. When they arrive at the Emerald City, they ask the Wizard to fulfil his promises. It turns out that Oz is just an old man pretending to be a great wizard. He gives the Scarecrow a new brain filled with bran, pins and needles, the Tin Woodman a silk heart stuffed with sawdust and the Lion a potion of courage. Then he and Dorothy make a hot air balloon to return to Kansas. When the balloon is about to take off, Toto chases a kitten and Dorothy tries to catch him. But the ropes of the balloon break, and it flies away without them. Then she learns that Glinda, the good Witch of the South, may be able to help her. Dorothy and her friends travel to the Quadling Country to find Glinda's castle. On their journey, they face more challenges. Dorothy calls the Winged Monkeys for the last time to take them to the castle. When they see the good witch, she tells Dorothy that the silver shoes can take her anywhere she wants to go. Dorothy says goodbye to her friends. She takes Toto in her arms, clicks her heels together three times and wishes to go home. She whirls through the air and arrives home in Kansas. She loses her silver shoes, but she is very happy to be back home with her family.

Discuss before you begin reading:

- 1 How are friendships formed? How important are friends to you? Do you think friends help us overcome the obstacles in life?
- 2 Do you think there is no place like home? Do you get homesick when you are away? Have you ever felt homesick? When, where and why?

A Match the words to the pictures.

throne *golden cap* *magic* *cyclone* *poppy*
scarecrow *emerald* *whistle* *joints*



1 _____



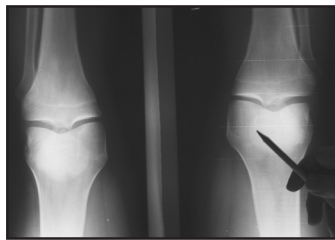
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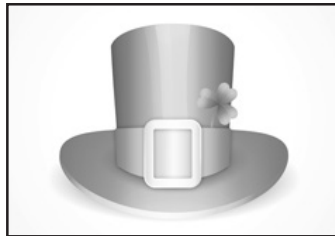
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B Complete the sentences with the correct words from the list in A.

- 1 Dorothy and Toto fell asleep in the _____ field because the flowers were poisonous.
- 2 After the terrible _____ hit the town, all the houses and the fields were damaged.
- 3 Dorothy didn't know the _____ was magical until the Queen of Mice told her to wear it and ask for help.
- 4 Take this _____ and blow it when you are in danger. We will come immediately to help you.
- 5 The _____ was on a pole in the middle of a cornfield. It was filled with straws and had really old clothes.
- 6 The wizard knew lots of tricks and could change all the people's looks by _____.
- 7 The queen was sitting on her _____ in the palace; she seemed lonely and sad.
- 8 Everything in this beautiful city was green; that should be why it was called the _____ City.
- 9 The Tin Man could not move because he was rusted, and he asked Dorothy to get his oilcan and then oil his _____ so that he could move again.

A After you finish reading Chapter 1 and 2, complete the table. *Who* said the following, *to whom* and *when*?

QUOTATION	WHO?	TO WHOM?	WHEN?
“Get into the cyclone cellar! I’ll go and check the animals.”			
“Thank you for killing the Wicked Witch of the East. You have set our people free.”			
“I’m not feeling well. It is not very easy to be up here to scare away crows.”			
“A brain does not make one happy. Happiness is the best thing in the world.”			
“You tried to bite him. You are a big coward.”			
“I think I can jump over it. I can carry you all on my back. Who will go first?”			
“That’s a great idea. Perhaps you have a brain in your head instead of straw.”			
“When I first met Dorothy, I was on a pole in a cornfield. I could at least scare the crows. But now I am stuck on a pole in the middle of a river, but I am of no use. I will never have a brain!”			
“He isn’t heavy at all because he is made of straw.”			
“Get out of this poisonous poppy field. We will carry Dorothy and Toto out of here. But you are too big to carry.”			
“Take this whistle. If you need us again, come out into the field and blow it. We will hear it and come for help.”			
“How could I kill the Wicked Witch? You are Oz, the Great and Terrible. Why don’t you kill her yourself?”			

B When you finish Chapter 3, decide if these sentences are true or not? Put (✓) or (X).

1 The Wizard of Oz asked for different things from Dorothy and her friends to make their wishes real.	
2 The Winkies were very strong and hurt the Tin Man and the Scarecrow very badly.	
3 The Winged Monkeys could not harm Dorothy because she was protected by the Power of Good.	
4 The Wicked Witch of the West was afraid of water because it could melt and kill her.	
5 If somebody had the Golden Cap, they could give four commands to the Winged Monkeys.	

A Number the events in the order that they happen in the story (1-16).

<p>A The Wizard of Oz told Dorothy and her friends that he would only help them if they killed the Wicked Witch of the West.</p>		<p>I The Winkies saved Dorothy's friends. Dorothy took the Golden Cap with her, and they all started their journey back to the Emerald City.</p>	
<p>B Dorothy was still trying to find a way to return to Kansas. The green soldier in the Emerald City told her that she could ask Glinda, the Witch of the South, for help. So, Dorothy and her friends set on their journey to the Land of South.</p>		<p>J Dorothy and Toto could not get to the cellar when the cyclone hit their house and found themselves in a different and interesting land.</p>	
<p>C Glinda asked the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion what they would do after Dorothy left them. She said she would use the Golden Cap to help them with their wishes.</p>		<p>K One day, when the Wicked Witch of the West tried to steal Dorothy's silver shoes, Dorothy threw a bucket of water over the Witch and killed her.</p>	
<p>D Dorothy wanted to go back home, and the Witch of the North told her that only the Wizard of Oz could help her to find her home.</p>	2	<p>L Dorothy and her friends walked to the Castle of Glinda and asked her to take Dorothy and Toto back to Kansas.</p>	
<p>E After the Wicked Witch of the West died, Dorothy and the Cowardly Lion asked the Winkies for help to save the Scarecrow and the Tin Man.</p>		<p>M Dorothy started her journey to the Emerald City and met three strange characters on her way; the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion. They went on their journey together to the Emerald City.</p>	
<p>F On their way to the Land of South, Dorothy and her friends came across with strange hammer-headed men. She called the Winged Monkeys to help them. The Winged Monkeys picked them up and took them to the country of Quadlings.</p>		<p>N The Wizard of Oz made a balloon for himself, Dorothy and Toto to go back home. However, Toto was lost in the crowd, and when Dorothy was looking for him, the balloon rose into the air.</p>	
<p>G When Dorothy and her friends arrived the country of Winkies, the Wicked Witch of the West harmed the Scarecrow and the Tin Man, and she kept Dorothy and the Cowardly Lion as her slaves.</p>		<p>O Glinda told Dorothy that her magic silver shoes would carry her home. Dorothy said goodbye to the Witch and all her friends. Then she knocked the heels of her silver shoes and told them to take her home. After a while, she was finally home with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry.</p>	16
<p>H The Wizard of Oz did some tricks to give a brain to the Scarecrow, a heart to the Tin Man and courage to the Cowardly Lion.</p>		<p>P When Dorothy and her friends got back to the Emerald City, they discovered that the Wizard of Oz was not actually a wizard. He was just a man far away from his land as Dorothy was.</p>	

Now skim through the story and see if your order is correct. Make changes if you haven't got the order right.

A Choose the words in the box (a-j) that complete the sentences. (10x3=30 pts)

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|----------------|-------------|
| a reach | f destroy |
| b disappointed | g poisonous |
| c surrounded | h starve |
| d immediately | i missed |
| e grateful | j return |

- ___1 The Tin Man asked Dorothy to go to his house, take the oilcan and _____ in order to oil his joints.
- ___2 The Wicked Witch of the West wanted to _____ Dorothy as well, but she was protected by the power of Good.
- ___3 It was not easy to _____ the Emerald City; there were many dangers on the way.
- ___4 Dorothy and her friends were _____ when they learned that the Wizard of Oz was not a real wizard.
- ___5 The Cowardly Lion could not escape the _____ poppy field and he fell asleep because of the strong scent.
- ___6 Dorothy _____ her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry so much, and she wanted to go back to Kansas.
- ___7 When Dorothy asked something from the Winged Monkeys, they _____ did what she asked; she didn't have to wait.
- ___8 The balloon was _____ by the people of the Emerald City; there were many curious people around it.
- ___9 The Wicked Witch of the West did not give any food to the Cowardly Lion; she wanted to _____ him.
- ___10 Dorothy was _____ to Glinda and all her friends for their help.

B Match the two halves of the sentences and put the letters in the blanks. (5x4=20 pts)

1__ 2__ 3__ 4__ 5__

- 1 The road to the Emerald City was full of dry branches and dead leaves,
 - 2 The Tin Man did not have a heart,
 - 3 The Cowardly Lion was afraid of the Kalidahs
 - 4 The little mice could not move the heavy track,
 - 5 The Wicked Witch of the West feared water
- a because they were giant animals with long and sharp claws.
 b so it was difficult to walk on it.
 c so the Tin Man and the Scarecrow helped them and pushed it from behind.
 d because it could kill her.
 e and he would ask Oz to give him one.

C Mark the sentences as True (T) or False (F). (5x2=10 pts)

- ___1 The Witch of the North gave Dorothy a whistle to use when she needed help.
- ___2 Dorothy did not know that the silver shoes were magical.
- ___3 The people of the Emerald City thought that Oz was a real wizard.
- ___4 The Winged Monkeys would immediately appear when a person knocked the heels of the silver shoes.
- ___5 Everything in the Country of Quadlings was red while everything in the Emerald City was green.

D Mark the correct answers. (8x5=40 pts)

- 1 **The Witch of the ---- was killed at the beginning of the story.**
 a West b East c North
- 2 **The Scarecrow would ask Oz to give him ---- while the Tin Man would ask for ----.**
 a a brain / courage b courage / a heart
 c a brain / a heart
- 3 **There was only one thing the Scarecrow was afraid of. What was it?**
 a fire b water c oil
- 4 **When Dorothy and her friends were on the raft to cross the river, whose pole got stuck in the mud at the bottom of the river?**
 a The Cowardly Lion's b The Tin Man's
 c The Scarecrow's
- 5 **When Dorothy went to the Throne Room to see the Oz for the first time, what did she see?**
 a She just saw a head with no hair, but he had eyes, a nose and a mouth.
 b She saw a beautiful lady sitting on the throne.
 c She saw a frightening animal with five eyes, five long arms and five long legs.
- 6 **When Dorothy left the Emerald City, ----.**
 a her beautiful green dress and Toto's green ribbon turned white
 b she was brave and believed that they could easily kill the Wicked Witch of the West
 c she came across with the Witch of the North, and the Witch gave her a kiss to protect Dorothy
- 7 **The Winkies asked ---- to rule the Land of the West.**
 a the Cowardly Lion b Dorothy
 c the Tin Man
- 8 **Glinda ----.**
 a was the Witch of the North
 b wanted to set the Winged Monkeys free
 c tried to steal the silver shoes from Dorothy

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