



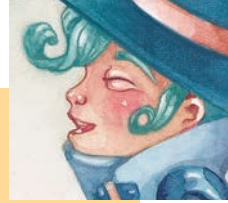
L. Frank Baum

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz



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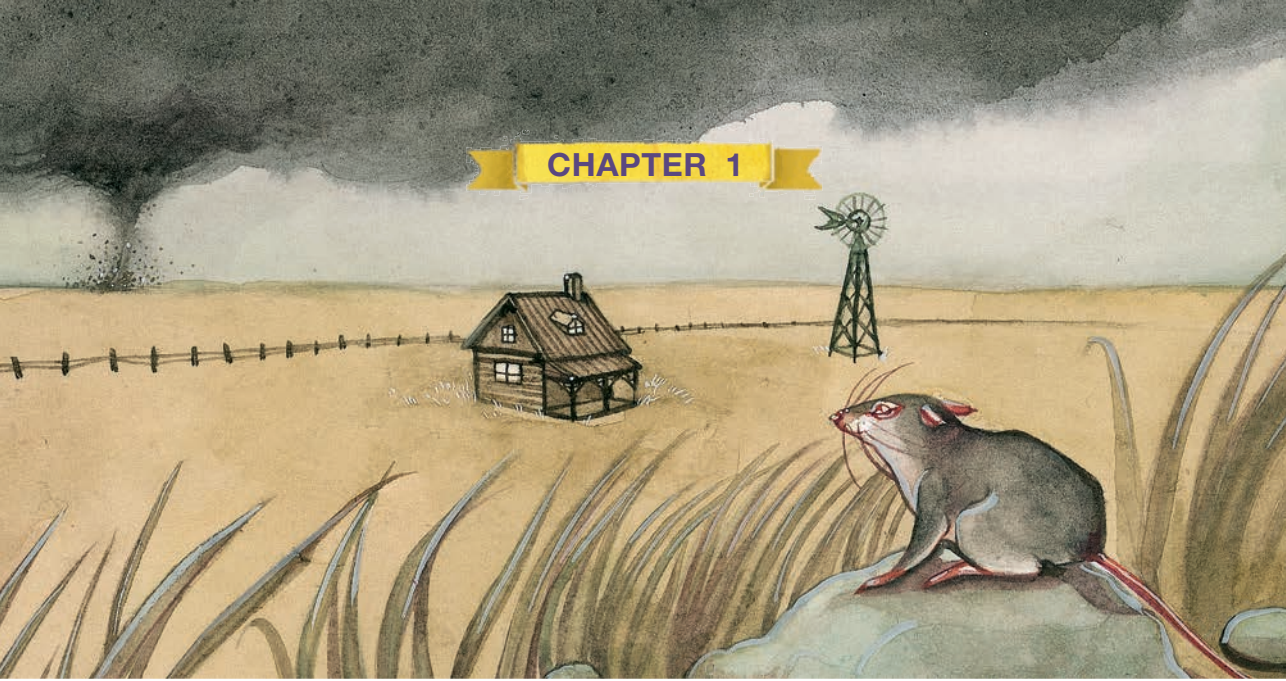
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The Good Witch of the North

Dorothy and her dog Toto live in a small house in Kansas with her Uncle Henry and Aunt Em. Kansas is a big state in the middle of America. It is very flat and gray. There are no flowers or trees, but there are a lot of farms. There are also cyclones. Cyclones are very strong winds. One morning Uncle Henry looks at the gray sky. He says, “Oh, no! A cyclone is coming! The wind is blowing! ¹ We must go to the cellar!”



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“Come with us quickly, Dorothy!” says Aunt Em.

They run to the door of the cellar but Toto is afraid. He runs into the bedroom and goes under the bed. Dorothy runs after him. She picks up

1. blowing :



Toto and wants to run to the cellar. But suddenly something strange happens.

The cyclone is very strong and it picks up the house and takes it into the sky. And Dorothy and Toto are inside the house! Uncle Henry and Aunt Em can only watch from the cellar.

The house flies and flies in the sky for a long time. Dorothy and Toto are alone and afraid. Soon they become very tired and they fall asleep. When they wake up, the house is in the countryside. Everything is quiet. Dorothy opens the door slowly and goes out. It is a sunny day and there are tall trees and beautiful flowers everywhere.

“This isn’t Kansas, Toto,” says Dorothy. “We’re lost! Where are we? And who are those people?”

Dorothy can see three short men and an old woman. The men are wearing blue hats, blue clothes and blue shoes. The old woman is wearing a beautiful white dress.

She looks at Dorothy and says, “We’re very happy. You bring good luck. The Wicked ² Witch of the East is dead! These are the Munchkins and they are her people. They’re happy now because she’s dead. Thank you.”

Dorothy is surprised. “I don’t understand,” she says.

The old woman and the Munchkins smile at her.

2. **Wicked** : very bad.







“Look! The Wicked Witch of the East is under your house,” says the old woman. “Look! You can see her feet.”

Dorothy sees two feet with silver shoes under her house. She is very surprised.

The old woman takes the silver shoes from the Wicked Witch’s feet and gives them to Dorothy.

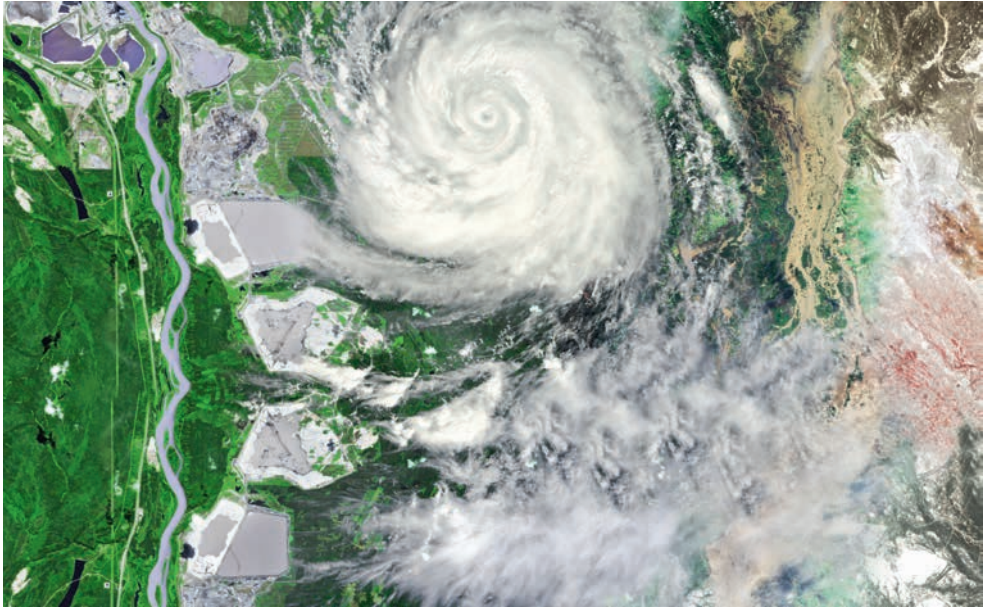
“They’re your shoes now. You must wear them because a witch’s shoes can do great things.”

“But are you a witch, too?” asks Dorothy.

“Yes, I’m the Witch of the North. I’m a good witch.”

“A good witch? I don’t understand,” says Dorothy. “Where are we?”

“We’re in the Land of Oz. Here in the Land of Oz there are four witches,” says the Witch of the North. “The Witches of the North and South



Extreme weather

Extreme ¹ weather is very dangerous. With global warming, ² extreme weather is becoming more common.



Very big storms with strong winds are called cyclones. When these strong winds blow in opposite directions, they make a funnel. ³ When this funnel touches the earth, it blows everything away: people, animals, houses and cars!

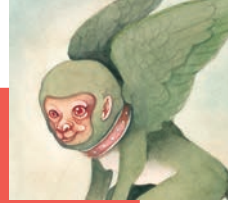
Cyclones are very common in the central states of America, such as Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Cyclones usually happen between April and October. A cyclone lasts about fifteen to twenty minutes. It can move from 75 miles (120 kilometers) to 300 miles (480 kilometers) per hour. In the United States, a cyclone is also called a tornado or a twister.

1. **extreme** : (here) very bad.

2. **global warming** : when the temperature of the earth increases.

3. **funnel** :





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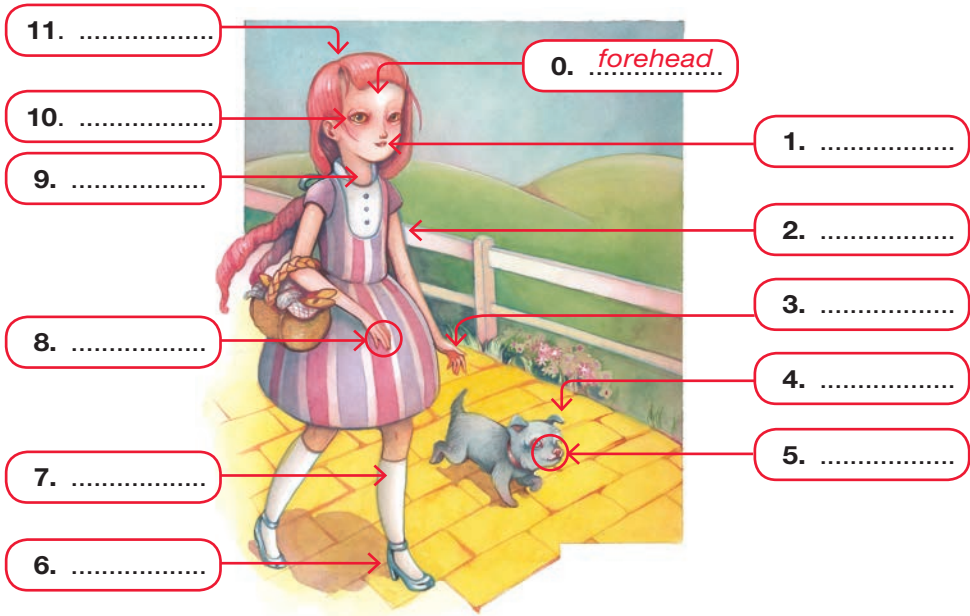
1. COMPREHENSION CHECK • Read these sentences about Chapter 1. Choose the correct answer – a, b or c. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0. The state of Kansas is
- a in the East of America.
 - b in the West of America.
 - c in the middle of America.
1. Uncle Henry, Aunt Em, Dorothy and Toto must go to the cellar
- a because a cyclone is coming.
 - b because it's going to rain soon.
 - c because it's very cold outside.
2. Dorothy doesn't go to the cellar
- a because she runs after Toto.
 - b because she wants to stay in the kitchen.
 - c because she's afraid.
3. The cyclone takes Dorothy, Toto and the house
- a to a dark forest.
 - b to the Emerald City.
 - c to the Land of Oz.
4. The Wicked Witch of the East
- a is a good friend of the Munchkins.
 - b is dead.
 - c is a good witch.
5. The Good Witch of the North gives Dorothy
- a a special kiss.
 - b a clean dress.
 - c a basket with some bread.
6. Dorothy and Toto must follow the yellow brick road
- a to Kansas.
 - b to the Emerald City.
 - c to the Land of Oz.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

2. VOCABULARY • Label the parts of Dorothy's body with the words from the box. There is an example at the beginning (0).

~~forehead~~ • ear • foot • head • leg • neck • fingers •
arm • eye • mouth • hand • nose



3. VOCABULARY • Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from Exercise 2.

1. I see with my
2. I smell with my
3. I hear with my
4. I eat with my
5. I touch with my
6. I run with my and
7. I play volleyball with my and
8. When it's cold, I wear a cap on my



TRINITY • PREPARATION

1. GRADE 1 – CLOTHES • Before going to the Emerald City, Dorothy puts on a clean dress. Talk about clothes with your partner. Use these questions to help you.

1. What clothes do you like?
2. What are your favorite colors?
3. Do you like summer clothes or winter clothes?

2. GRADE 2 – ROOMS IN THE HOME • Dorothy lives in a small house. Draw a plan of your house and tell your partner about it. Use these questions to help you.

1. What's your home like?
2. How many rooms are there?
3. What's your bedroom like?
4. What's your favorite room?
5. Does your home have a garden?
6. Is your home in a town or in a city?

3. GRADE 2 – FAMILY AND FRIENDS • Dorothy has three new friends – the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Lion. Think of a good friend and describe him/her to your partner. Use these questions to help you.

1. What's his/her name?
2. Is he/she in your class?
3. What does he/she look like?
4. Where does he/she live?
5. What do you do together?
6. Do you have friends in another town or city?





KEY • PREPARATION

1. READING AND WRITING PART 1 • Which notice (a-h) says this (1-5)? There is an example at the beginning (0).

0.*b*.... You pay less for toys this week.
1. You can't buy flowers here in the afternoon.
2. You can't bring food here.
3. You can buy bread here on Wednesday.
4. You mustn't make any noise.
5. You can find a room here any day of the year.



