



## Hansel and Gretel

Once upon a time, there lived two children called Hansel and Gretel. They lived with their kind, poor father and cruel stepmother in a house in the woods.



One night, Hansel overheard his stepmother telling her husband to take the children deep into the forest and leave them there! Hansel crept outside and filled his pockets with sparkling, white pebbles.



The next morning, they went for a walk in the forest. As they walked, Hansel dropped the pebbles along the path. Hansel and Gretel grew tired so their father made a fire and told them to rest. When they awoke, they were all alone. Luckily, the trail of shiny pebbles led them all the way back home.

The next day, they set out into the forest again. This time, as they walked along, Hansel dropped a trail of breadcrumbs along the path. Once again, they became tired and fell asleep. When they awoke, they found themselves alone again. This time, when they looked for the breadcrumbs to follow, they found that they had vanished!



Hansel and Gretel walked and walked. Finally, they came to an amazing house made of gingerbread and decorated with sweets and lollipops. All of a sudden, an old woman came out of the house. She invited them inside.

Once the children were inside, the old woman locked Hansel in a cage. She wanted to fatten him up and eat him! The old woman showed Gretel the oven where she was going to cook Hansel.

Clever Gretel decided to trick the old woman. She told her that Hansel was far too big to fit into the oven. When the old woman leaned forward to look into the oven, Gretel pushed her in! Next, Gretel released Hansel. Before leaving, Hansel and Gretel found a chest full of gold coins and took it home with them.

After a long walk through the forest, Hansel and Gretel eventually found their way back to their house. Their father was overjoyed to see them and their stepmother had left the house forever. Now they had enough riches to last a lifetime! The three of them lived happily ever after.



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1.

Number these events 1-4 to show the order that they happened in the story. The first one has been done for you.

	Hansel and Gretel's father made a fire and told them to rest.
	Hansel and Gretel found a chest of gold coins.
	Hansel overheard his stepmother telling their father to leave them in the forest.
	The old woman locked Hansel in a cage.

2.

Find and copy **two** adjectives used in the story to describe the pebbles.

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3.

What do you think happened to the breadcrumbs that Hansel dropped?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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