

Fairy stories: 'Hansel and Gretel'

From 'Hansel and Gretel' by Malachy Doyle

"There is no food," said the woodman.

"How will we eat?"

"Take Hansel and Gretel for a walk in the Brown Wood," said his wife, "and leave them."

"No!" said the woodman. "I cannot!"

"You must, or we will all die!" cried his wife.

So the woodman took Hansel and Gretel into the Brown Wood.

He gave the boy and girl some cake to eat.

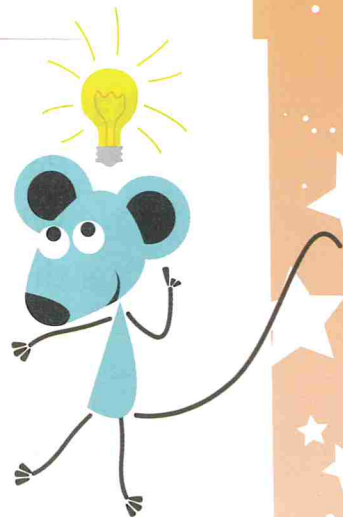
But Hansel put it in his pocket and dropped little bits all along the way.



Get started

Find the sentences in the story and write the missing words.

1. "There is no _____," said the woodman.
2. "How will we _____?"
3. So the woodman took Hansel and _____ into the Brown Wood.
4. He gave the boy and girl some _____ to eat.



Try these

Answer these questions. Use the story to help you.

1. Who is in the story?
2. What is the problem?
3. Where did the woodman take the children?
4. What did he give them?



Now try these

1. Why do you think Hansel dropped bits of cake?
2. Draw a picture of Hansel dropping bits of cake.
3. Draw and label Hansel and Gretel when they are left in the wood. With a partner, plan what they can do next. Add a sentence to your picture to explain what their plan is.

