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The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

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The Characters

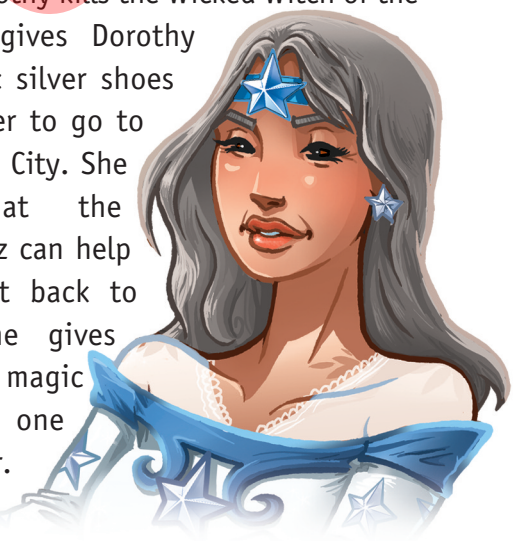
Dorothy

... is a good, kind girl, who lives with her aunt and uncle. She loves them, and her home, very much. She is friendly and polite to everyone she meets, and she always wants to help people. She is very brave, and she is not afraid to try new things. Her best friend is her little dog, Toto.



The Good Witch of the North

... is sweet and kind. She is very happy because Dorothy kills the Wicked Witch of the East. She gives Dorothy some magic silver shoes and tells her to go to the Emerald City. She thinks that the Wizard of Oz can help Dorothy get back to Kansas. She gives Dorothy a magic kiss, so no one can hurt her.



The Scarecrow

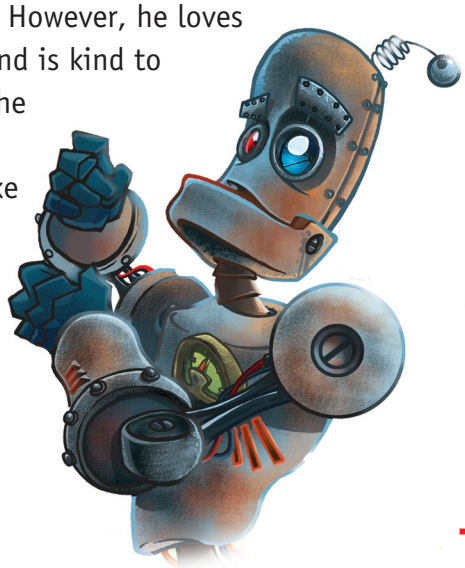
... is very kind, but he doesn't have a brain, so he thinks he is a fool. This makes him sad, and he believes that the only way he can be a real person is if he gets a brain. He is a very good friend, and he wants to look after Dorothy and help her.



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THE TIN MAN

… is very brave and very gentle. He is sad because he doesn't have a heart, and he thinks that he can't feel love any more. However, he loves Dorothy and is kind to everyone he meets. He doesn't like to upset people.



THE LION

… is a coward. He is scared of everything, and this makes him sad. He wants to be brave. He is kind, and he is a very good friend to Dorothy. Even when he is scared, he tries to help her and look after her.



THE WIZARD OF OZ

… is the ruler of the land of Oz. People think he is great and powerful, and they believe that he can do anything. After he sends Dorothy and her friends to kill the Wicked Witch of the West, they find that he is not really what he seems to be.



THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST

… is horrible and powerful. She wants Dorothy's silver shoes because they will make her even more powerful. She hates Dorothy and her friends, and she makes them work for her. She is scared of the dark, and very scared of water because it can kill her.



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1. The Storm

Dorothy Gale lived in a small house in Kansas, with Uncle Henry, who was a farmer, and Aunt Em, who was the farmer's wife. The house was very small. There was a small cellar under the house, because sometimes there were bad storms, and the family needed to hide in the cellar.

Kansas was not a beautiful place. Everything was grey. The ground was grey, the houses were grey, and even the people looked grey. Uncle Henry and Aunt Em were very serious people. They loved Dorothy very much, but they never laughed. Dorothy laughed a lot. She was a happy little girl, and she had a happy little dog called Toto. She played with him every day.

One day, Dorothy and Toto were outside when they saw huge clouds in the sky. It became very windy, and Dorothy knew that a storm was on the way.

"Come inside, Dorothy!" called Aunt Em. "Go into the cellar!"

Dorothy ran inside, but Toto was very frightened and he went under Dorothy's bed. Dorothy

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tried to get him out. Aunt Em and Uncle Henry went down into the cellar. They called Dorothy, but she didn't want to leave Toto.

Just then, the house shook and a very strange thing happened. The wind lifted the house up into the air. The house turned round two or three times and then began to fly through the air. Toto was scared, and he ran around the room, but Dorothy sat on the floor and waited to see what was going to happen next.

They flew for a long time, and then the house suddenly landed on the ground with a loud noise. Dorothy went to the door and opened it. Outside the house, everything was beautiful. The sun was shining, colourful birds were singing in the trees and there were pretty flowers everywhere.

"It's so beautiful!" exclaimed Dorothy. "But where are we?"

Episode 7

Before Reading

1 **Look at the pictures and answer the questions.**

1 Where do you think Dorothy is?
2 What does Dorothy see on the throne in the first picture?
3 What is the Scarecrow looking at in the second picture?

While Reading

2 **Read or listen to the episode and answer the questions.**

1 Who sees the Great Oz first?
2 What does Dorothy see on the throne?
3 What does the Scarecrow see on the throne?
4 What does the Tin Man see on the throne?
5 What does the Lion see on the throne?
6 What does the Great Oz want Dorothy and her friends to do?

After Reading

3 **In pairs, answer the questions:**

1 Why does Oz think that Dorothy can kill the Wicked Witch of the West?
2 Do you think Oz is really great and powerful? Why (not)?
3 What do you think Dorothy is going to do now?
4 What do you think is going to happen in the next episode?

Episode 8

Before Reading

1 **Look at the pictures, and the following subheadings for the episode. What do you think is going to happen in this episode? Listen, read and check.**

• The Winged Monkeys • Dorothy and the Wicked Witch • Water Can Kill Me!

While Reading

2 **Who does what? Read the episode again and complete the sentences.**

1 ..... calls the Winged Monkeys.
2 ..... take Dorothy and her friends to the Witch.
3 ..... worked hard every day.
4 ..... wants the silver shoes.
5 ..... throws a bucket of water over the Wicked Witch.
6 ..... melts into a puddle.
7 ..... are free.

After Reading

3 **Discuss these questions in pairs:**

• Why does the Wicked Witch of the West want the silver shoes?
• Why doesn't the Wicked Witch take the silver shoes while Dorothy is sleeping?
• How do you think Dorothy feels when the Witch melts? Why?

4 **Do you ever want something that other people have? Why? Discuss it with a partner, then tell the class.**

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Episode 9

Before Reading

1 **Look at the title and the pictures. Where do you think Dorothy and her friends are going in the first picture? Where are they in the second picture?**

2 **Tick the events that you think are going to happen in this episode. Listen, read and check.**

❏ The Winged Monkeys take Dorothy to Kansas ❏ Dorothy and her friends meet the Wizard of Oz again ❏ The Wizard of Oz helps them

While Reading

3 **Read the episode again and correct the words in bold.**

1 Dorothy goes to the **table** to get some food.
2 Dorothy finds the gold **shoes**.
3 The Winged Monkeys take Dorothy and her friends to **Kansas**.
4 The Lion is very **happy**.
5 Oz can't do **tricks**.
6 The glasses make everything look **blue**.

After Reading

4 **In pairs, discuss which of the words below best describe the way Dorothy is feeling. Why?**

• scared • lonely • happy
• confused • excited • angry

5 **What are the advantages/ disadvantages of having:**

• a brain? • a heart? • courage?

Discuss it in pairs, then tell the class.

Episode 10

Before Reading

1 **Look at the title and the pictures. How do you think the Wizard and Dorothy will return home? Do you think the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion will stay in the land of Oz ? Where is Dorothy in the first picture? Where is she in the second picture? Listen and read to find out.**

While Reading

2 **Read the episode again and put the events in the correct order.**

☐ The balloon flies away.
☐ Oz gives the Scarecrow a brain.
☐ They walk onto the balcony.
☐ Toto runs away.
☐ Oz gives the Lion some courage.
[1] Dorothy and her friends go to the Throne Room.
☐ Dorothy goes home.
☐ Dorothy sees a hot air balloon.
☐ Oz gives the Tin Man a heart.
☐ The Good Witch tells Dorothy how to get home.

After Reading

3 **Discuss these questions in pairs:**

• How do you think Dorothy feels when she gets home? Why?
• Do you think Dorothy wants to go back to Oz? Why (not)?
• Do you think Dorothy is brave? Why?

4 **Do you think it is important to be with your family? Why? Discuss it with a partner, then tell the class.**

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Play

Characters:

Dorothy
Uncle Henry
Aunt Em
The Good Witch of the North
The Munchkins
The Scarecrow
The Tin Man
The Lion
The Guard at the Gates
Oz
The Wicked Witch of the West
The Winged Monkeys
The Good Witch of the South

Narrator(s):
At least one student dressed as a Munchkin

Scene 1

SONG: Welcome to Kansas

Welcome to Kansas
Where everything's grey
The winds are so strong here
They carry you away!
Over the mountains
And over land and sea
To magical places
So beautiful to see!

Welcome to Kansas
Where people are kind
They work very hard
But they don't really mind
Dorothy lives here
She loves her family
She spends time with Toto
Playing happily

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Narrator: Dorothy Gale lives on a farm in Kansas. She lives with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry.

Uncle Henry: We all live together. Our house is quite small.

Aunt Em: But we're happy. That's what's important.

Dorothy: My aunt and my uncle are friendly and kind. They don't laugh much, but I know they love me. Toto loves me, too. We play together every day!

Uncle Henry: Look at those clouds! A storm's on the way! Let's hide in the cellar!

Aunt Em: Hurry up, Dorothy! Come and hide, quickly! The storm's getting stronger!

Dorothy: I can't leave poor Toto! He's frightened! Don't be scared, Toto! Come here! Oh goodness! The wind's getting stronger. It's lifting the house up into the sky!

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SONG: Where Am I Going?

Look at me flying up into the sky!
I'm spinning and spinning, and I don't know why!
I'm leaving everything so far behind
Where am I going, and what will I find?

CHORUS: *Where am I going?*
I really don't know
All that I know is
I don't want to go!

Where are my family? So far away!
I hope they all know that I wanted to stay
Where's Uncle Henry? And where's Auntie Em?
I want to go home -- I was safe there with them!

REPEAT CHORUS

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Scene 2

Narrator: The wind carried Dorothy's house through the sky. Then the house fell to the ground with a crash. Strange little people gathered around as Dorothy came out of the house.

Dorothy: Look, Toto — it's beautiful! It's lovely and colourful! I wonder where we are. Where can we be? Look at these little people. Who are they?

GWN: They are the Munchkins. You set them free from a magic spell.

Munchkin 1: Oh, thank you! You saved us!

Munchkin 2: We must shake your hand!

Dorothy: Oh! Thank you! But how did I save you all?

Munchkin 1: The wicked witch is dead! You killed her for us!

Munchkin 2: Now we're all free again!

GWN: I'm the Good Witch of the North. Your house landed on the Wicked Witch of the East!

Munchkin 2: Look! Now the only things left are her two magic shoes.

GWN: Please take them, my dear. They're yours, now.

Dorothy: Oh, thank you! They're beautiful!

GWN: Put them on now.

Munchkin 1: Look! They fit her!

Munchkin 1: You're our new witch! We're so happy!

GWN: Now, tell me, young lady, what is your name?

Dorothy: My name is Dorothy.

GWN: You helped us all, Dorothy. Can we help you?

Dorothy: I want to go home to Kansas. I'm sure my aunt and my uncle are worried about me!

GWN: Don't be upset, child. I'm sure the Wizard of Oz can help you.

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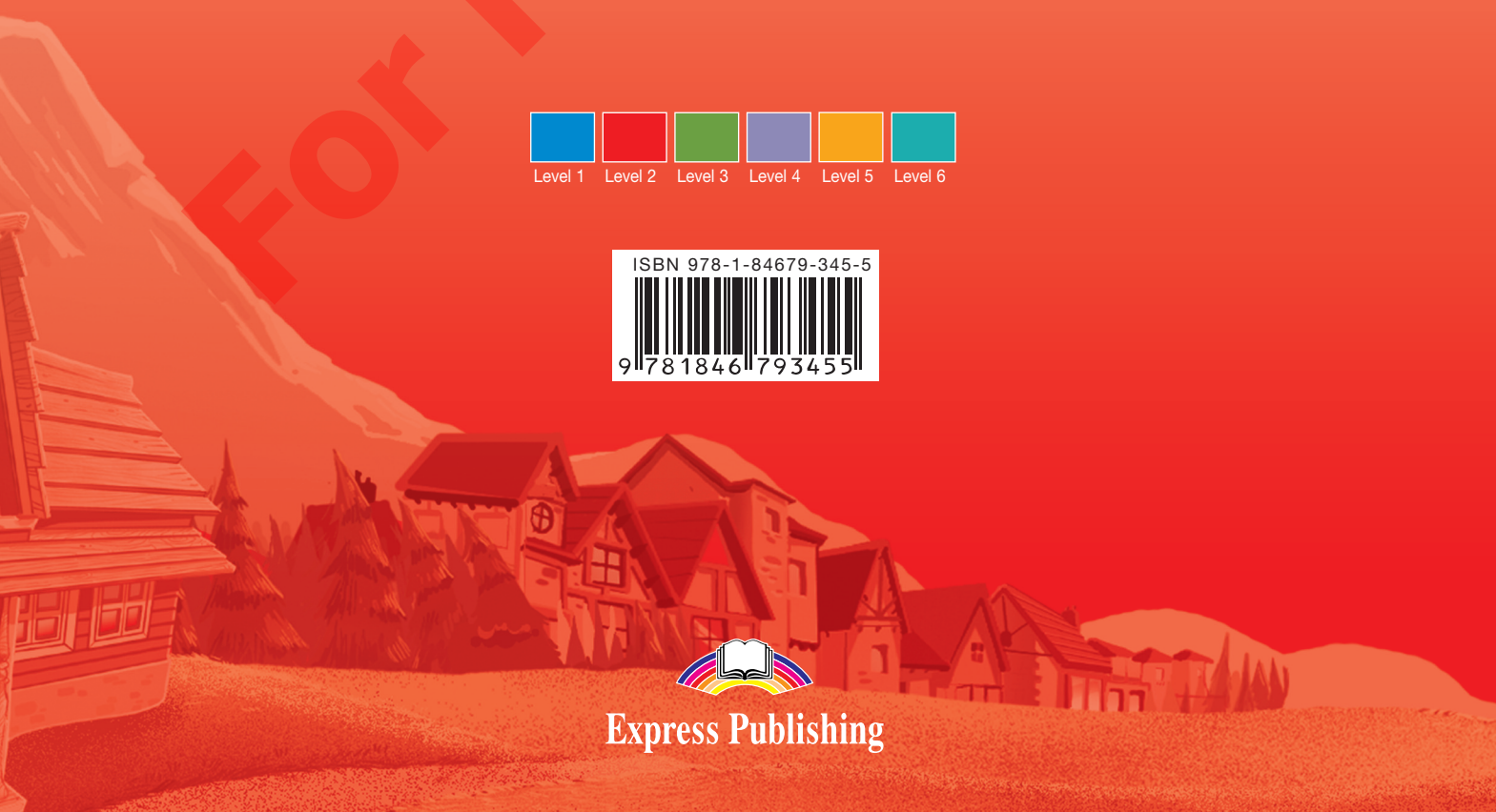
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Dorothy is a farm girl from Kansas. She is lonely and dreams of a better place, so she plans to run away. During a tornado she is transported to a land "beyond the rainbow" where she meets magical characters. After lots of adventures she and her friends are rewarded by the Wizard of Oz and she is enabled to go back home to Kansas.

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