

The Wizard of Oz

The story step by step

- 1 This is a summary of the start of the story, but it is not completely correct. Listen to Chapter 1 then find 10 mistakes and correct them. Listen again to check, before you read the chapter.**

Dorothy lived with her aunt, her uncle, her two cousins and her dog in a little wooden house on a prairie in the state of Oklahoma, in the United States. Dorothy's uncle had built the house himself, and it had a special cellar for the family to hide in when there was a storm. The sun was very strong on the prairie and everything had either lost its colour or had been burnt and was black or white. Dorothy's aunt and uncle always looked tired or sad, but Dorothy was always happy, and she liked playing with her dog.

On this particular day, however, they weren't playing; Dorothy was with her uncle who was looking at the grey sky; then they heard the sound of heavy rain which was coming towards them from the south. 'Quick, Dorothy, get inside!' Uncle Henry cried, as he ran to look after the horses. Dorothy ran to hide in the cellar, but Toto went to hide under the kitchen table. Dorothy ran to get Toto, but then it was too late to go down into the cellar.

Suddenly, a strange thing happened. The house began to move; it went up and up. It flew through the rain for hours and hours. Dorothy lay on her bed with Toto and slept. Then there was a bump, and they woke up to find the room filled with a bright yellow light.

- 2 Listen to Chapter 2 on the CD/download, and write down the colours that you hear. What does each colour refer to?**

eg black – a black dog/Toto is black (chapter 1).

- 3 Can you put these sentences in order? Listen to Chapters 3 and 4 on the CD/download and check your answers.**

- ___ 'Could Oz give me a heart?'
- ___ 'My joints rusted and I couldn't move.'
- ___ 'The bread in my basket is very dry.'
- ___ 'The Wizard never sees anyone,' the Munchkin replied.
- ___ 'They have brains and I don't.'
- ___ 'You are wearing the Silver Shoes.'
- ___ He cut the trees with his axe and made a path for them all.

- ___ He was dressed like a Munchkin, in blue clothes.
- ___ It was fixed onto a pole.
- ___ Music was playing and the Munchkins were all dancing on the grass.
- ___ She went into the house and found some bread.
- ___ The brave girl picked up her basket.
- ___ The bread in her basket was nearly all gone.
- ___ The Scarecrow's head was made from a sack which was stuffed with straw.
- ___ Toto barked at the Scarecrow.

4 Listen to Chapter 5. Write all the parts of the body that you hear.

5 Can you match the beginnings of sentences in column A with the endings in column B, to make 15 true sentences? Then listen to chapters 6, 7, and 8 to put the sentences in order.

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<input type="checkbox"/> When they were among the poppies,	to carry Dorothy and Toto to safety.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy and the Lion began	to carry the Scarecrow back to the bank.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 They asked the Tin Man to	carry the sleeping Lion.
<input type="checkbox"/> They didn't want	to catch a little field mouse.
<input type="checkbox"/> They wanted to use the raft	to chop down some small trees.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Tin Man used his axe	to cross the river.
<input type="checkbox"/> They made a wooden truck	to eat for breakfast.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy picked some fruit	to feel sleepy.
<input type="checkbox"/> The mice used the string	to kill the wildcat.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Lion used his tail	to leave the Scarecrow in the middle of the river.
<input type="checkbox"/> They asked a Stork	to push the raft.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Tin Man and the Scarecrow had	to pull the raft to the river bank.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Tin Man and the Scarecrow waited for Dorothy	to pull the wooden truck.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Queen gave Dorothy a whistle	to use if she needed help.
<input type="checkbox"/> They used long poles	to wake up.
<input type="checkbox"/> They saw a yellow wildcat that was trying	

6 Here are the questions from Chapter 9. What are the answers? Listen to the chapter on your CD/ download and write one word in each space. Listen again if necessary.

- a The Cowardly Lion: How did you get me out of the poppy field?
The Scarecrow: Well, _____ .
- b The Cowardly Lion: ... little flowers nearly killed me and little animals saved me. I must remember that. What will we do now?
Dorothy: We _____ .
- c Woman: What do you want? Why is there a lion with you? He is very big and I am afraid of him.
Dorothy: Please don't worry. This _____ and _____ .
- d. Man: Where are you all going?
Dorothy: To _____ see _____ .
- e. Dorothy: What does the Great Oz look like?
Man: That _____ .
- f. Man: And what do you want, my dear?
Dorothy: I _____ Toto _____ .
- g Man: I've never heard of Kansas. Is it far?
Dorothy: I _____ .
- h The Green Man: I am the Guardian of the Gate. Can I help you?
Dorothy: We _____ .
- i Dorothy: Did you see Oz?
Soldier: Oh, no. _____ .
- j Soldier: But I told him about you.
Tin Man: And what did he say?
Soldier: Oz _____ but _____ .

7 Listen to Chapter 10. How many times do you hear the words 'have/has' or 'had', (including examples of the present perfect and past perfect)?

Have/has	
Had	

Listen again. How many examples of the present perfect and past perfect do you hear?

Present perfect (have)	
Past perfect (had)	

8 Listen to Chapters 11–13. Put these words in the order you hear them. What do you think they mean? Listen again if necessary to check your answers.

a good fight a pack of wolves bucket damaged evil flocks gate
 sslave peck melting obey overcast straightening swarm sting
 tear /te'ɹ/ twisted the ground

Order	Word	Meaning
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9 Read these sentences about what happens in Chapter 14 and decide if they are true (T) or false (F). Listen to the chapter on your CD/download to check.

- a The Tin Man explained to the Guardian of the Gate that Dorothy had melted the Wicked Witch of the West.
- b The Scarecrow didn't want to wait anymore, so he spoke to a soldier.
- c When the friends went to see Oz at nine in the morning, there was only a screen and a throne in the room.
- d Dorothy said to Oz 'Now you must send me back to Oklahoma, as you promised.'
- e Toto knocked over the throne and the screen when the Lion scared him.
- f Oz had worked with animals and balloons in Omaha.
- g Oz has always been a humbug.
- h Oz used four things to give the Scarecrow brains.
- i The Tin Man's new heart was big, red and made of tin too.
- j The Lion was given green liquid from a transparent bottle, so that he was full of courage.
- k Oz says that he is going to take Dorothy to her Aunt Em's house in a balloon.
- l Dorothy couldn't find Toto because he was chasing a cat.

10 Can you complete this summary of Chapters 15 and 16 of The Wizard of Oz?

Dorothy cried for _____ after Oz left. The Scarecrow was now _____ of the Emerald City. Dorothy's friends decided to help her. She called the Winged Monkeys and made her _____ wish but the Monkeys couldn't take her to _____. The friends decided to go and see Glinda because she was the most _____ of the witches. She was also _____ and kind. The friends left Emerald City the next _____. On the first day, they walked through green _____. Then they met some _____ animals who were having a meeting about a _____. The Lion killed it for them. They walked on and came to a _____ hill covered with rocks, which was the home of the Hammer-heads, who had a thick _____ and no arms. The Hammer-heads hit the Scarecrow and the Lion and they both _____ down the hill again.

So Dorothy called the Winged Monkeys again, and they took them to the _____ of the Quadlings, where everything was painted bright _____. They met a woman who offered them three kinds of _____ and some milk and told them how to get to Glinda's _____.

When Dorothy and her friends arrived, Glinda was _____ for them on her throne. Dorothy told her story and Glinda smiled and _____ her. The Good Witch asked for the Golden Cap and used her three _____ to help Dorothy's friends. She told Dorothy that the Silver Shoes had powerful _____ and that they could take her home. Dorothy knocked them together three times and cried 'Take me _____ to Aunt Em!' She _____ through the air and landed on the prairie, in front of the new house Uncle Henry had _____. She didn't have the Silver Shoes because they had _____ off in the desert, but she was happy to be home.

Now listen to Chapters 15 and 16 on your CD/ download, and check your answers. Listen again if necessary.