

THE WISH by Roald Dahl

DISCUSSION

1. List five words in the story that are connected with fear.
2. List three verbs that describe the movement of the child along the path.
3. What effect did the carpet **first** have on the child?
4. What was he afraid of as he walked across the carpet?
5. What motivated and caused the child to start and continue on his journey?
6. What did the child see as he looked down on the carpet?

7. What was his mother doing?

8. Tell what the short story "The Wish" is about.

9. Part of this story is told by the boy. The other part is told by a narrator --someone who just tells us the story. Did you like it better when the boy told the story or the narrator. Why?

10. Imagine that the mother is watching the boy. What does she see? What does she think he is doing?

11. Write the ending of the story, pretending the boy makes it all the way across the carpet. Tell what happens.

12. Why do you think the story is called “The Wish”?

13. Is “The Wish” a story about being brave, being afraid, or wanting something? Which do you think it is mostly about? Tell why you think that.

14. What frightens you? What do you do about frightening things, face them or avoid them?