

THE WISH by Roald Dahl for Grades 3 - 6

DISCUSSION

Knowledge

1. List ten words in the story that are connected with fear.

2. List five verbs that describe the movement of the child along the path.

Comprehension

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 encouraged 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?

Analysis

8. Summarize the short story "The Wish".

9. We are shown the events of the story through the eyes of the narrator and the child. Comparing the two styles, who presents the more interesting or effective view for the reader? Why?

Synthesis

10. Imagine that the mother is watching the boy. What is her reaction? What does she see? What does she feel?

11. Rewrite the ending of the story, which has the boy successfully completing the journey.

Review

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

13. Is “The Wish” a story about self-confidence, overcoming fear, or about greed? Argue your case.

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