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# The Rat Catcher

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# Think Ahead

Before Reading

Imagine an instrument. Draw one that you would like to learn how to play.



**A** Trace the words.



The rats walk into the river.

- 1 The rats walk into the river.
- 2 The rats walk into the river.
- 3 The rats walk into the river.

**B** Write the sentence from above. Say the sentence three times.

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# Words to Know

During Reading

**A** Circle and say the word for each picture. Then write the words.

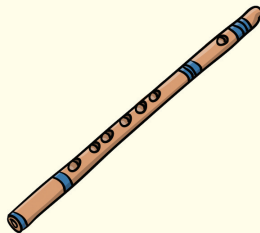
1



2



3



4



5



**B** Look and write the missing words. Use the Word Bank.

Word Bank

into

by

with

out

1



Hamelin is a city \_\_\_\_\_ a river.

2



A man \_\_\_\_\_ a pipe comes to the city.

3



The man walks \_\_\_\_\_ the river.

4



The children get \_\_\_\_\_ of their beds.

# Meet the Characters

During Reading

**A** Who is who? Match and write.

1



2



Rat Catcher

Mayor

We need help!

For 1,000 gold coins, I can make the rats go away.

I'll get you!

Thank you!  
Thank you!

**B** What are they saying? Look and circle. Say the sentences.

1



2





# Comprehension

During Reading

A Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



Hamelin is a city by a river.

True

False

2



The people like the rats.

True

False

3



The mayor pays 50,000 coins to the man.

True

False

4



There are no more children in Hamelin now.

True

False

**B** Look and check (✓) the correct answers.

1 What makes the rats follow the man?

- His coat
- His pipe

2 Where do the rats go?

- Into the mountain
- Into the river



3 When does the man go to the mountain?

- In the morning
- At night

4 Who follows the man into the mountain?

- The mayor
- The children



**C** Write the correct words. Use the Word Bank.

1



Word Bank

hear

pipe

The man plays his \_\_\_\_\_.

The rats \_\_\_\_\_ the music.

2

Word Bank

coins

mayor



"Thank you! Thank you!" says the \_\_\_\_\_.

"50,000 gold \_\_\_\_\_, please!" says the man.

**D** Write the letters for the correct pictures. Match the cause to its effect.

Cause

Effect



- a. The man plays his pipe and makes the rats walk into the river.
- b. The children don't come home. Everyone is sad.
- c. The river takes the rats away. No more rats!
- d. The man plays his pipe and makes the children walk into the mountain.

# Review Quiz

After Reading

## A Who am I? Match.

1



I'll get you!

2



We need help!

## B Circle (○) the best answer.

- 1 A man with an orange and red (food / coat) comes to Hamelin.
- 2 For 1,000 gold (coins / rats), he can make the rats go away.
- 3 The man plays his (pipe / river).
- 4 The children walk into the mountain, and the door (closes / hears).
- 5 The people of Hamelin are (better / sad).

## C Match the two parts of the sentence.

- |                               |   |                          |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 The people of Hamelin want  | ● | ● 50,000 gold coins.     |
| 2 The mayor says he will give | ● | ● his pipe for the rats. |
| 3 The rat catcher plays       | ● | ● the rats to go away.   |
| 4 The children follow         | ● | ● the man with a pipe.   |

**D** Choose the correct answer.

1



Why does the man play his pipe for the rats?

- a. To bring them into the city
- b. To take them out of the city

2



Why does the man play his pipe for the children?

- a. To bring them into the city
- b. To take them out of the city

**E** Number the pictures in order (1=first, 4=last). Write the missing words.



A man with a \_\_\_\_\_ says he can help.



Everyone is happy, but the \_\_\_\_\_ does not pay the man.



Everyone is sad when there are no \_\_\_\_\_.



There are too many \_\_\_\_\_.

Read the sentences aloud following the / or // marks below.

/ means to pause. // means to stop.



Hamelin is a nice city,/but the people  
are not happy.//



The mayor is happy.//“Thank you!  
Thank you!”/says the mayor.//

Name

Date

Book Title

Words

Write three words you learned from the story.

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Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

pipe      children      rats      sad      river

There are too many \_\_\_\_\_ in a city called Hamelin. A man with a \_\_\_\_\_ says he can help. The man plays his pipe and makes the rats walk into the \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone is happy, but the mayor does not pay the man. The man plays his pipe and makes the \_\_\_\_\_ walk into a mountain. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_.

Lesson

Complete the lesson you learned from the story. Circle (○) the best word.

When you make a (coin / promise), keep it.



# ★ Key Words and Phrases ★



A man with a pipe comes to the city.

The river **takes** the rats **away**.



In the morning, the children **get out of** their beds.

Gold coins are **good**.  
But children are **better**!

