

Diagramming Sentences: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

There is a lot of action in the first chapter of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. Notice how much is going on in each sentence. You can really get swept away by reading it, just as Dorothy and Toto get swept away by the tornado!

DIRECTIONS

Read the sentences from the first chapter of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

Circle the noun that is the subject of every sentence. There may be more than one!

Underline every verb that shows the action in each sentence. A sentence can have more than one action verb!

Place an X over every adjective that describes something.

Place parentheses () around every preposition that tells where something is.

CHAPTER 1

Uncle Henry sat upon the doorstep and looked anxiously at the sky.

Dorothy stood in the door with Toto in her arms, and looked at the sky too.

From the far north they heard a low wail of the wind.

Suddenly Uncle Henry stood up.

"There's a cyclone coming, Em," he called to his wife.

Aunt Em threw open the trap door and climbed down the ladder.

Toto jumped out of Dorothy's arms and hid under the bed.

Dorothy caught Toto and started to follow her aunt.

The house shook so hard that she lost her footing.

Then a strange thing happened.

The house whirled around two or three times and rose slowly through the air.

It was very dark.

Toto did not like it.

Dorothy sat quite still on the floor and waited to see what would happen.

Hour after hour passed away.

Slowly Dorothy got over her fright.

Dorothy soon closed her eyes and fell fast asleep.

