

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

WALT: Careful What You Wish For

**“Be careful what you wish for, you may receive it.”**

**– anonymous**

Have you ever thought about what that means?

The underlying moral of the wishing tale is often played out in real life. Every week many people dream of winning the lottery – they make a wish. Someone then wins a huge sum of money. While this might seem like great news, the story often leads to misery and unhappiness. The sudden win changes lives. Friends and family may be lost. The ‘winner’ may lose a sense of purpose as they no longer have to go to work.

This moral message is one that has been used many, many times in stories across the world. It was first thought to have been used in Aesop’s Fables. Aesop was a slave and storyteller believed to have lived in ancient Greece.

Challenge 1 – If you had just one chance to make a wish, what would you wish for?

Brainstorm some ideas. For example, I might wish for a new car, a dog or a yacht. Or to be a world famous footballer or not to have to go to school!

Challenge 2 – Now try and think about the positives and negatives of having that wish granted.

For example,

I wish I had a bright red Ferrari. I could drive at immense speed and win many great races.

**However**, I would be adding to the destruction of the planet, be breaking the speed limit and endangering my life and the lives of others.

Now have a go yourself.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

WALT: The Mirror of Wishes

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The teacher looked into the mirror  
And saw a class of hard-working children.

A sailor looked into the mirror  
And saw the still waters of the Atlantic.

Batman looked into the mirror  
And saw a crime free day in Gotham City.

An astronaut looked into the mirror  
And saw his capsule landing in the sea.

A pirate looked into the mirror  
And saw where a treasure chest lay buried.

A dragon hunter looked into the mirror  
And saw the location of a dragon's cave.

A writer looked into the mirror  
And saw stories waiting to be told.

Challenge 1 - As you can see, he has written each idea using the same pattern, based on two lines. Copy his pattern but use your own characters and ideas about what they might wish for.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

WALT: The Mirror of Despair

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The teacher looked into the mirror  
And saw children throwing paper airplanes.

A sailor looked into the mirror  
And saw a tsunami approaching.

Superman looked into the mirror  
And saw he was wearing a pair of kryptonite tights!

An astronaut looked into the mirror  
And saw an asteroid as big as Bristol approaching

A pirate looked into the mirror  
And saw sharks gathering beneath the plank.

A dragon hunter looked into the mirror  
And saw that he had picked up a plastic sword by mistake.

A writer looked into the mirror  
And saw a library burst into flames.

Challenge 1 - As you can see, he has written each idea using the same pattern, based on two lines. Copy his pattern but use your own characters and ideas about what they might wish for.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

WALT: One Chance

## One Chance

Outside, the evening was cold and wet. A **squally** wind howled, rattling the roof tiles and shaking the window frames of 13 Wager Road. Inside, **shabby** curtains were drawn, a **humble** fire crackled and a couple sat in silence. Jack stretched out on the tired couch with an amused smile, turning the page of his favourite novel. Sarah **scowled**, silently **seething**. She scanned the room, noticing the worn-out furniture, peeling paint and, in her opinion, a pointless, idle husband. She deserved so much more than this.

Suddenly, the letterbox jangled and there was a solitary but decisive knock on the door. Hope, the Labrador, barked. Sarah pulled back the curtain and watched as a hooded figure slipped silently away up the road. Puzzled, she stared down at a golden card that had appeared, glinting on the frayed doormat.

Challenge 1 - What next? We've stopped at an interesting part of the story. Summarise below what you think could happen next?

I predict...

### Now let's find out how close your predictions were. Read on!

Sarah gasped. This is just what she was looking for - another chance. Maybe lose the idle husband as well, she thought, shaking her head.

"I am going to give this a go. I am thinking lots of money to buy expensive clothes and maybe you can finally sort this house out," she said to Jack, rummaging desperately in the drawer for a coin.

"Utter nonsense," muttered Jack, glancing up from his book and taking in the room. "I love this old house and you just the way you are. Even if all that did come true, there'll be a catch. No one gets something for nothing. Just throw it away."

Sarah stopped and nodded sullenly. He was right. She made to throw the ticket on the fire, but something stopped her. Furtively, she stashed it in her pocket.

Later that evening, as Jack slept, Sarah retrieved the ticket and greedily scratched 'Wish 2', dreaming of immense riches or, to be precise, £100,000. Outside, a squally wind howled. Inside, nothing happened. Bitterly, she tossed the ticket into the bin.

The next day, the wind died down to a cool, whispering breeze. Jack prepared for his early morning walk with Hope. Pulling his woollen hat firmly down over his ears, he called out to Sarah that he wouldn't be out long and left. Sarah scowled. She could barely respond.

Eight hours passed and Sarah began to worry - where were Jack and Hope? Shaking with fear, she dialled 999, hoping for the best but fearing the worst.

A massive search was launched but there was no sign. Jack and Hope had simply vanished. Sarah was distraught. Deep down she worried if their disappearance had anything to do the golden ticket.

Days later, as the wind whipped up again, a woman in a black cloak knocked at the door. She told Sarah she had been sent to offer some compensation for her sad loss. Sarah was feeling desperate so asked, "How much?"

"Shall we say... £100,000?"

Shocked, Sarah recalled the greedy sum she had wished for. Could it be true? Had her selfish wish actually been granted? Quickly, she raced outside and rummaged desperately through the bin, trying to locate the discarded ticket. With sickening dread, she smoothed out the crumpled ticket and gasped in horror. It was true. The second wish had been redeemed.

Target Word	Definition that fits with the story
squally	
shabby	
humble	
scowled	
seething	
tentatively	
redeemed	
exclusive	
rummaging, rummaged	
sullenly	
stashed	
immense	

Challenge 1 – Read the word in the text and find out what it means. Does it give you a clue? You can also find a dictionary on the internet if needed.