

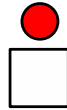
Prologue, Scene One



Drosselmeyer's Workshop



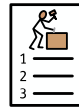
Drosselmeyer is an eccentric toymaker in London.



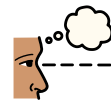
He is working in the attic above his sweet shop.



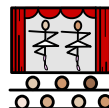
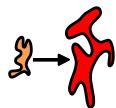
Drosselmeyer and his assistants are making Christmas toys.



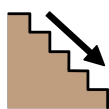
Drosselmeyer has a cunning plan.



Drosselmeyer has a doll that looks like a young prince.

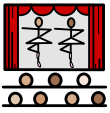


He transforms the doll into a Nutcracker.



He goes downstairs to his Emporium of Sweets and Delights.





Prologue, Scene Two



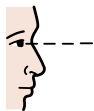
Drosselmeyer's Sweet Shop



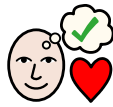
Clara Stahlbaum and her mother enter the busy Emporium.



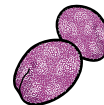
They want to buy sweets for their Christmas Eve party.



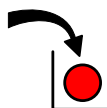
Clara sees the Nutcracker in the shop.



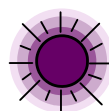
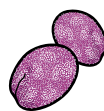
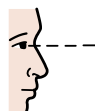
Clara is fascinated by the Nutcracker.



Drosselmeyer has a special jar of sugar plums.

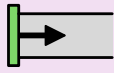
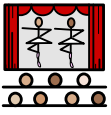


He puts some sugar plums into a bag.



Clara thinks she sees the sweets glowing in the bag.

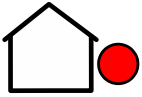




Prologue, Scene Three



Festive Street Market



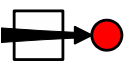
Outside, a busy market is selling foods from around the world.



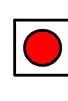
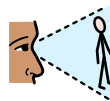
Clara and her mother walk around the stalls



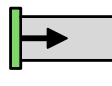
They buy sweets from all over the world to serve at the party.



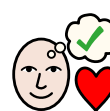
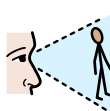
Across the street is Uromys Grimsewer's dingy cheese shop.



Grimsewer and his gang are watching people in the market.

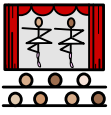


Two suffragettes begin to talk and a crowd gathers.



Clara watches the suffragettes talk and is fascinated.





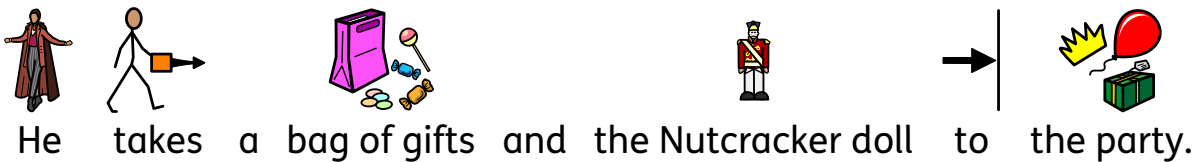
Grimsewer's gang sneak around the crowd.



The gang are stealing from the crowd.



The market closes and Drosselmeyer goes to the party.



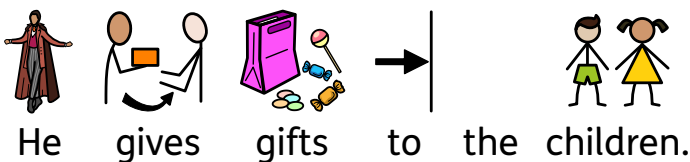
He takes a bag of gifts and the Nutcracker doll to the party.

Act One, Scene Four

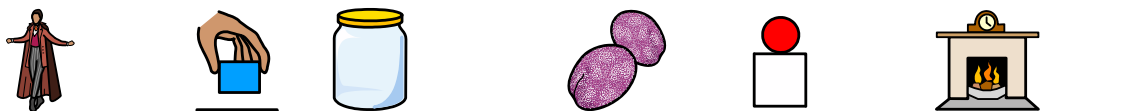
The Christmas Eve Party



Drosselmeyer arrives at the Christmas Eve party.

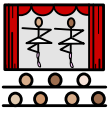


He gives gifts to the children.



Drosselmeyer places the jar of sugar plums on the mantle piece.





Nutcracker

Story Summary



Drosselmeyer gives the Nutcracker to Clara.



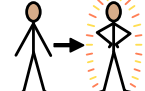
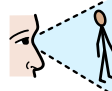
Clara is delighted to receive the Nutcracker.



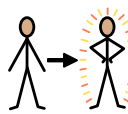
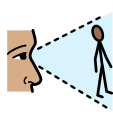
Drosselmeyer performs magic and a puppet show.



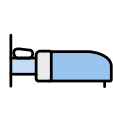
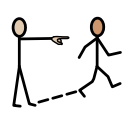
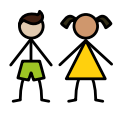
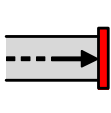
Clara decides to eat a sugar plum.



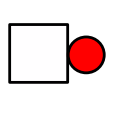
After eating the sugar plum Clara sees the Nutcracker come to life.



Nobody else sees the Nutcracker come to life.

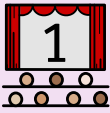
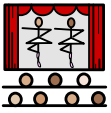


The party ends and the children are sent to bed.

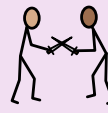


Clara sneaks downstairs to sleep with the Nutcracker by the tree.





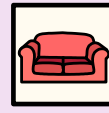
Act One, Scene Five



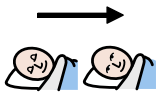
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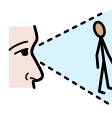
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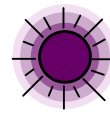
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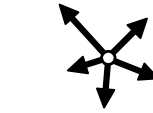
Clara wakes up at midnight and



sees



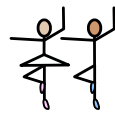
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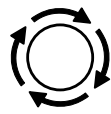
all around.



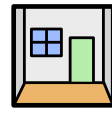
strange shadows



dance



around



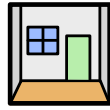
the room.



Drosselmeyer



distorts



the room

and



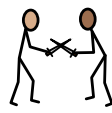
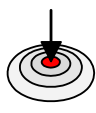
the Christmas tree



is enormous.



Clara is in the middle

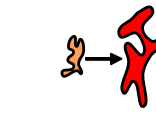


of a battle

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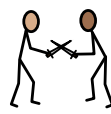
the Nutcracker



has become life size.



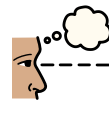
The Nutcracker



battles



the Rat King



that looks like



Grimsewer.



The Rat King



and his gang of mice



injure



the Nutcracker.



Clara



grabs



a sword

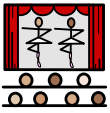





and battles









the Rat King.








  
Clara beats the Rat King.




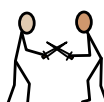
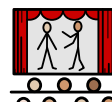
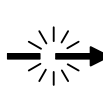
  
The Nutcracker transforms into a young prince.

     
The Prince asks Clara to go on a fantastic journey.



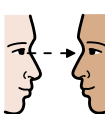


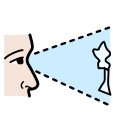
 
Clara accepts.


Act One, Scene Six

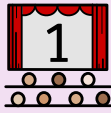
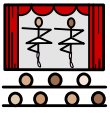

Under a Silvery Sky

     
Drosselmeyer swirls his cape and the battle scene disappears.

   
Clara is under a moonlit sky with the Nutcracker Prince.

     
Clara and the Prince's eyes meet and a dazzling Ice Realm appears.

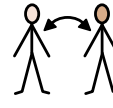




Act One, Scene Seven



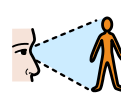
The Ice Realm



Clara and the Prince are fascinated with each other.



There are swirling snowflakes and dazzling icicles.



During a snow storm, Isolde the Ice Queen appears.



The Prince introduces Clara to Isolde.



Isolde conjures an ice sleigh.

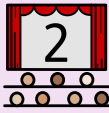
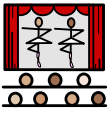


The Prince invites Clara to sit in the sleigh.



The sleigh flies away and Isolde waves goodbye.





Act Two, Scene Eight



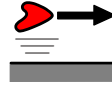
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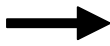
Candy Floss



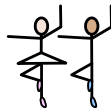
Clouds



Clara and the Nutcracker Prince travel through the moonlit sky.



Winter becomes summer.



Clara and the Prince dance up in the clouds.



Act Two, Scene Nine



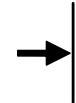
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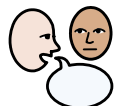
of Sweets



and Delights



The Sugar Plum Fairy welcomes Clara and the Prince to her land.

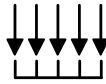
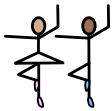
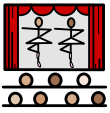


Clara tells of their adventures.



The Sugar Plum Fairy plans a celebration for Clara's bravery.





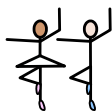
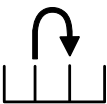
There are dances for different sweets from around the world.



Clara tastes the sweets.



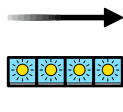
There is a waltz of buttercream roses.



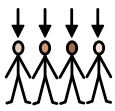
Then the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.



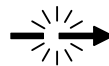
The Sugar Plum Fairy gives Clara a plum jewelled necklace.



She says one day this land will belong to Clara.

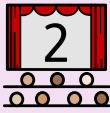
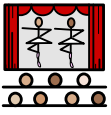


Everyone says goodbye.

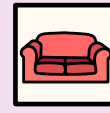


The Land of Sweets and Delights disappears.

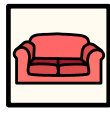
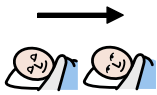




Act Two, Scene Ten



The Stahlbaum's Salon



Clara wakes up in the salon.



Was the Land of Sweets and Delights a dream?



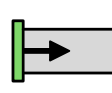
Clara realises has the necklace the Sugar Plum Fairy gave her.



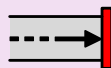
Clara realises it was not a dream.



Clara feels she can achieve whatever she wants.



It is midnight and Christmas Day begins.



The End

