

The Pied Piper of Hamlin

In the quiet town of Hamlin, there was a problem because it was full of rats! The Mayor told everyone that he'd give ten sacks of gold to anybody who could rid the town of them.

Some days later a stranger arrived in Hamlin, dressed in a silk cloak and carrying a wooden pipe. The stranger took his pipe and started playing a wonderful, magical tune. All the rats heard the sweet music and began to run to him.

Carefully, he led the rats to a river and one by one they fell into the water and drowned. The Pied Piper returned to collect his reward. However, the greedy Mayor didn't pay him. This angered the Pied Piper so he decided to teach the town a lesson.

Immediately he began to play his pipe. This time, all the children in the town followed him to a cave far away from Hamlin.

The Mayor felt ashamed and travelled to the cave to ask for forgiveness.

Eventually the Pied Piper let the children go and the Mayor was never ungrateful or greedy again.