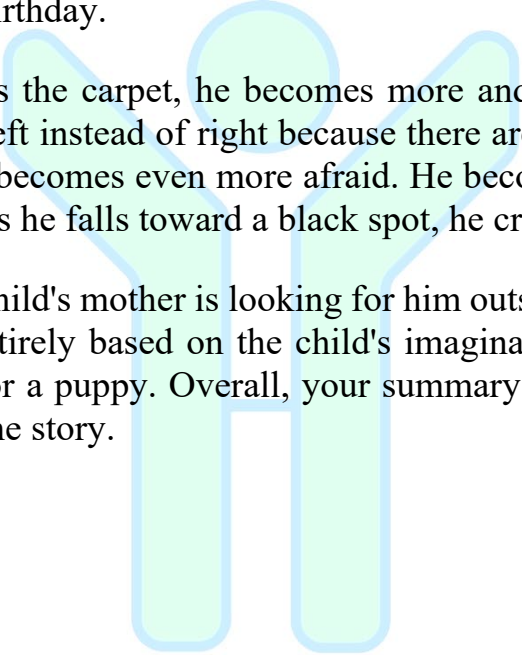


Class 11 English – The Wish Chapter Summary

The summary of the short story "The Wish" by Roald Dahl is quite comprehensive and captures the key elements of the story. The story is about an unnamed child who creates an imaginative game using the colors on a red carpet in front of his house. He imagines that the red spots are lumps of coal that could burn him, the black spots are poisonous snakes that could bite him, and the yellow spots are safe zones. He decides that if he can cross the carpet safely by stepping only on the yellow spots, he will get a puppy for his birthday.

As he makes his way across the carpet, he becomes more and more nervous and panicky. He chooses to go left instead of right because there are fewer black spots, but he still touches one and becomes even more afraid. He becomes stuck when he tries to take a big step, and as he falls toward a black spot, he cries out.

At the end of the story, the child's mother is looking for him outside, suggesting that the story may have been entirely based on the child's imagination. The title "The Wish" refers to his desire for a puppy. Overall, your summary accurately conveys the plot and key themes of the story.



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