

## Wicked Sisters and Stepmothers.

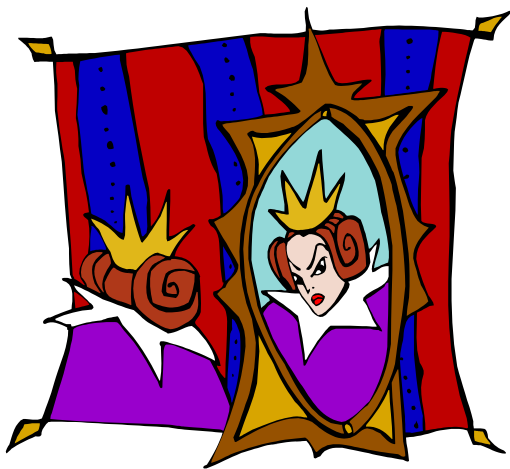
These are the nasty characters in stories who look as horrible as they are!

### Why are they in Fairy Stories?

These characters spend their time in stories doing horrible things to the hero. If the hero has to do all the house work or is taken into the forest to be killed then blame the Wicked Stepmother. If the Princess is treated like a servant or locked away then you can be sure it's the sister's idea. These characters make the life of the hero miserable while they wait to be rescued by a handsome Prince!

### What are they like?

Normally they are rich and can wear beautiful clothes but their faces are ugly. Often they have warts on their faces or really big feet! Wicked step mothers and sisters are jealous of the hero because they want to be prettier than them!



The step mother in Snow White looking into her mirror because she wanted to be more beautiful than Snow White.

### Which Stories are they in?

There is a wicked step mother in the Hansel and Gretel story who leaves the children alone in the forest. In Snow White the step mother wants Snow White to die so that she can be the fairest in the land. A step mother and ugly sisters are cruel to Cinderella until she manages to go to the ball and marry the prince.

### Finally

These characters usually make the life of the hero miserable and the hero has to escape from them to have any chance of happiness.