

# Pied Piper of Hamelin - Short Story for Kids



Hamelin, a small town in Germany, was facing a big problem. Rats were running here, there, everywhere. The rats have made the lives of people miserable.



So the people of Hamelin went to meet the mayor. The mayor promised the people of Hamelin that he will take care of the problem.



A Strange looking man with a funny-looking hat carrying a long pipe walks to the mayor's office. The mayor asked the pied piper "Can you get rid of all the rats in Hamelin?" He said yes with great confidence. The mayor said that he will reward him with 1000 gold coins if he gets rid of all the rats in the town.



A strange sound was heard by the people of Hamelin, Coming from the pipe of the strange man. To the people's surprise rats of all kinds, big, small, fat, and thin were all following the pied piper. As the pied piper walked, the rats kept following him.



Finally, the pied piper reached the river and as he stood on the bank playing his pipe, the rats all jumped into the river and were swept away.



The people were so happy. Soon, the pied piper came to see the mayor and asked for his reward. But the mayor refused to give his reward as he agreed. He gave only 100 gold coins as a reward.



The pied piper was very angry and said: "you have cheated me, and you shall pay for it." The next morning, a strange whistling sound was heard in Hamelin, and before the people could realize what was happening, all the children rushed out of their homes and started following the Pied piper far away from their town.



The people of Hamelin rushed after the pied piper and the children, but they seemed to have just vanished! The people looked everywhere, but there was no sign of the children.





Finally, they spotted a boy, who was lame, sitting by the roadside. He said he couldn't walk fast, so he was not able to follow the pied piper. Everybody asked him where the pied piper went. He said when the piper reached the mountain, it just seemed to open up, and everybody went inside.



People went to the mayor and informed him. The mayor sent his men to search for the children but never again were they ever seen again.



The homes in Hamelin wore a deserted and gloomy look. They were missing the laughter and cheer of the children. They were responsible for cheating Pied Piper and they shall live to regret this. It was a lesson the people never forgot.



