Three Most Common Pleasant Dreams

Children's Pleasant Dream Themes

Reference: Patricia Garfield, Your Child's Dreams (New York: Ballantine, 1984)

Frequency of pleasant dream themes Total number: 89

30 /89 15 /89 9 /89	Enjoying a Pleasant Activity (A trip, picnic, birthday, holiday, pretty day, etc.) Obtaining Desirable Possessions Giving an Outstanding Performance
7/89	Being Important or Knowing Someone Important (Royalty, sports star, film star, etc.)
7/89 7/89	Having an Adventure Being a Superheroine or Superhero (Media type)
6/89 4/89 3/89 1/89	Seeing or Eating Delicious Food Meeting an Animal or Supernatural Friend (Fox, fairy, or angel) Being Loved Flying

Children's Unpleasant Dream Themes

Frequency of unpleasant dream themes Total number: 158

77 /158 28 /158 26 /158	Chase or Attack Sensing Something Scary Injury or Death
9/158 5/158 5/158	Damage or Loss of Property Being Frustrated Falling
3/158 2/158	Crashing Vehicle Being Lost
1/ 158	Being Paralyzed
<mark>1</mark> /158	School Examination
<mark>1</mark> /158	Natural or Manmade Disaster
<mark>0</mark> /158	Arriving Late
0/158	Nude or Inappropriately Dressed in Public

Pleasant & Unpleasant Themes Could Be Metaphors For . . .

- ♦ What may have occurred in the child's **past**
- What may be occurring **right now** in the child's imaginative, home, school, or recreational life
- ♦ What **might occur** if the situation were to continue

Dreamwork

- <u>Top Ten Dreamwork Techniques</u> "Your Guide to Happiness, Wisdom, and Purpose"
- What Did You Dream Last Night? "Ask A Puzzling Question Tonight . . . Discover Your Dreaming Mind's Answers Tomorrow"
- Artists Dreaming Joy A workbook that helps artists express a multitude of joys