

The Secret Garden

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Vocabulary: meanings of words from the story

1 disagreeable 2 selfish 3 moan 4 flutter 5 patch 6 choke 7 mood 8 medicine 9 gasp
 10 miserable 11 nest 12 lump 13 seed 14 plant 15 weed 16 mysterious 17 knob 18 tremble
 19 crow 20 branch 21 spade 22 temper 23 whistle 24 lawn 25 fountain 26 bare 27 disobey
 28 corridor 29 curious 30 crooked 31 moor 32 gloomy 33 spoilt 34 robin 35 servant
 36 carriage 37 dig 38 fox 39 relieved 40 bury

Writing: rewrite sentences

1	Mary was selfish.
2	Colin takes too much medicine.
3	His face was miserable.
4	Colin thought that there was a lump on his back.
5	There was a patch of ground where roses grew.
6	Mary cut the weeds around the roses.
7	Mary saw a door knob underneath the leaves.
8	I would like a spade to dig in the garden.
9	There was a lawn in the middle of the garden.
10	The garden had no flowers: it looked bare.
11	Mr Craven's back was crooked.
12	They travelled to the old house in a carriage.
13	He locked the door and buried the key in the ground.
14	Mary stopped crying and Martha looked relieved.
15	She led Mary down a long corridor.
16	Colin's hand trembled.
17	She saw a crow land on top of the wall.
18	And all around them they heard birds fluttering their wings.
19	In India, Mary was looked after by servants.
20	It was a bird sitting on a nest.
21	Dickon lived in a cottage on the moor.
22	She was curious about where they were going.

Vocabulary & Grammar: look / feel / sound

- 1 Mary looked bad-tempered.
- 2 The garden looked bare / empty / dull.
- 3 The moor looked like a dark sea.
- 4 The gardener did not look friendly.
- 5 Mary felt lonely.
- 6 The robin sounded happy.
- 7 My father feels / looks miserable when he sees me.
- 8 He sounded angry.
- 9 The secret garden looked untidy / messy.
- 10 Mary looked healthy.

Vocabulary & Grammar: fill in the gaps

- 1 always 2 her 3 she 4 Teachers 5 but 6 because 7 mother 8 and 9 to 10 friends
 11 must 12 servants 13 were 14 at 15 not 16 everything 17 when 18 old 19 sickness
 20 came 21 heard 22 crying 23 after 24 hid 25 water 26 eat 27 go 28 morning 29 stood
 30 was 31 looked 32 opened 33 another 34 doorway 35 child 36 place 37 who 38 nobody
 39 left 40 dead

Vocabulary: anagrams

- 1 Is that the sound of the wind blowing?
- 2 'Can't you dress yourself?' she asked.
- 3 She kept thinking about the locked garden.
- 4 The gardener suddenly smiled.
- 5 There was nothing for her to do indoors.
- 6 Mary began to feel very interested in the secret garden.
- 7 A boy was sitting under a tree, playing on a wooden pipe.
- 8 Perhaps everything in it is dead already.
- 9 You can play outside as much as you like.

Grammar: syntax

- 1 I'm afraid to stand up because my legs shake so much.
- 2 His anger made him stronger than he had ever been before.
- 3 They all agreed that she would never tell anyone.
- 4 Mr Craven kept remembering the voice he had heard in his dream.
- 5 He was a tall handsome boy and his face was full of colour.
- 6 The sun fell on Colin's face like a hand with a lovely touch.
- 7 He's always looking up in the sky to watch birds flying.
- 8 The moor was blue, and the fresh air that blew in was warm.