

The Secret Garden

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

1 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Dickon Mr and Mrs Crawford Mary

Mrs Medlock Mr Craven Martha

- a are friends of Mary's parents.
- b is twelve years old and has got a young horse.
- c is a hunchback.
- d starts to talk on the long journey to Yorkshire.
- e is interested in Mr Craven's wife.
- f loves the moor in the spring and summer.

2 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Mary's brother died and the servants ran away.
- b Mrs Lennox gave the baby to an English servant.
- c The journey to Yorkshire was short.
- d Martha had a round face and looked horrible.
- e Mr Craven's house was in the middle of the city.
- f Mary and Mrs Medlock caught a bus to Yorkshire.

3 Answer the questions.

- a Who did Mary stay with when her parents died?
- b Where did Mrs Medlock meet Mary?
- c What grew on the moor?
- d When did Mr Craven close one of the gardens?
- e What did Martha take from the cupboard for Mary?

4 Finish the story with the right words.

room to house years pictures died
woke different interested dark familyMary's parents (a) and the servants
ran away. Mary went (b) England with

an English (c) and then caught the train to Yorkshire with Mrs Medlock. Mary was (d) when Mrs Medlock talked about Mr Craven. It was (e) when Mary arrived at Mr Craven's (f) It was very large and it was 600 (g) old. Mary and Mrs Medlock went inside a big, dark room with (h) of people on the walls. When Mary (i) up the next morning, Martha was in the (j) Martha was (k) from the servants in India.

Chapters 4–5

5 Finish the sentences.

- a There was a red and brown bird.
- b A kitchen garden is a garden with
- c Each morning Martha brought Mary
- d Mr Craven closed the garden and
- e Mary walked through many
- f Ben Weatherstaff was in the garden with

6 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Mary thought that Ben Weatherstaff didn't look yflrnied
- b Robins are the friendliest dribs in the world.
- c Mary got redob when she stayed in the house.
- d Mary heard somebody cgyrin in the house.
- e Mary wanted to ask more stsqnioue about Dickon.
- f Mary walked through three chikten gardens and looked around.

Chapters 6–8

7 Find words in Chapters 6–8.

- a Something we can use to open a door. (p. 21)
- b When something is not living. (p. 21)
- c Things that you put in the ground when you want to grow something. (p. 22)
- d Something you can never tell anybody. (p. 24)
- e Sixty minutes. (p. 25)
- f The time we eat food in the middle of the day. (p. 25)

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8 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

- ☐ Mary and Dickon went into the secret garden.
- ☐ Mary saw a key on the ground near the robin.
- ☐ Mrs Medlock took Mary to Mr Craven's rooms.
- ☐ Dickon was under a tree with birds and animals round him.
- ☐ The wind moved the plants and Mary saw the door to the secret garden.
- ☐ Mary wrote a letter to Dickon.

Chapters 9–10

9 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- The boy in the bedroom was about twelve years old. ☐
- Martha and Colin's doctor walked into the room. ☐
- A London doctor went to see Colin and said there was nothing wrong with his back. ☐
- After Mr Craven's wife died, he didn't want to see the baby. ☐
- Mary sang an old Indian song to Colin. ☐
- There was a picture of Colin's mother on Colin's bedroom wall. ☐

10 Put words on the left with words on the right.

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| heavily | strong |
| pretty | bored |
| weak | happily |
| near | ugly |
| interested | far |
| sadly | lightly |

Chapters 11–13

11 Write questions in the past for the answers.

- Why / Colin / angry
.....?
Because Mary didn't go to see him.
- What / Mary / find / on / table
.....?
Some picture books and two books about gardens.
- What / Colin / tell / doctor
.....?
I'm better now.
- Who / Colin / in / his / wheelchair
.....?
A servant.

- Where / Colin / walk / to / garden
.....?
To the tree.

12 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- The old tree was bigger biggest than the other trees.
- Colin thinks he's going to is be a hunchback.
- There was a some bird on Dickon's arm.
- Colin thinks Dickon makes make magic.
- Colin want wanted to stand.
- Mary told said Colin about the secret garden.

Chapters 14–15

13 Finish the story with the right words.

ran back beautiful work brought
stronger fast voice
The garden grew more (a) and
there was magic in it. The children went to
(b) there every day and Colin grew
(c) and happier. Mrs Sowerby came
to the garden and (d) food. Archibald
Craven heard his dead wife's (e) in
his sleep and decided to go (f) to
England. Colin (g) out of the garden
very (h) and didn't see Mr Craven.

After reading

14 Choose five words from the book, change the letters around and write them below e.g., garden – engrad. Change your paper with a friend. Who can find the words first?

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15 Circle a number to show what you think. 1 is a strong 'no' and 5 is a strong 'yes'. Talk to a friend. Do you think the same?

	no				yes
Dickon is a good person	1	2	3	4	5
Martha is strange.	1	2	3	4	5
Children always have to do what their parents say.	1	2	3	4	5
I like birds and animals.	1	2	3	4	5
I would like a secret garden.	1	2	3	4	5

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1 Write the name of the person who says or thinks this.

Martha Mary Mr Craven Dickon

Mrs Medlock Colin Craven Mr Pitcher

Ben Weatherstaff Mrs Crawford The doctor

a 'I'll bring your clothes and help you with them.'

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b 'Mr Craven doesn't want to see her, he's going to London in the morning.'

c 'She's an ugly little thing.'

d 'I shut the garden ten years ago. Why isn't everything dead?'

e 'Nobody's crying, go back to your room!'

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f 'Where's your garden? I'll plant the seeds with you.'

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g 'Mrs Medlock is only a servant. I'll speak to her and she won't be angry with you.'

h 'Colin, I don't think this is good for you.'

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i 'Close your eyes and I'll sing to you.'

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j 'Perhaps you are a child and not a cross old woman.'

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2 What happened first in the book? Number the sentences, 1–10.

a ☐ Mr Craven goes back home.b ☐ Mary hears somebody crying in the house.c ☐ Mary finds the key to the secret garden.d ☐ Mr and Mrs Lennox die and the servants run away.e ☐ Colin runs out of the garden into his father's arms.f ☐ Mrs Medlock goes on the train with Mary to Yorkshire.g ☐ Martha tells Mary to write a letter to Dickon.h ☐ Dickon goes to see Colin in his room.i ☐ Mary meets Ben Weatherstaff in the gardens.j ☐ Mary, Dickon and Colin work in the secret garden.

3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

a The animals loved Dickon. ☐b Mary went to England to live with Mr and Mrs Crawford. ☐c Mr Craven closed the garden twelve years ago when his wife died. ☐d The robin in the gardens was very friendly. ☐e Mary was excited when she went into the secret garden. ☐f Colin was a happy boy before he met Mary. ☐g Ben Weatherstaff was not friendly when Mary met him. ☐h Dickon did not want to visit Colin in the house. ☐i Mr Craven was in Austria when he decided to go back to Yorkshire. ☐j Colin was in his wheelchair when his father saw him in the garden. ☐

4 Circle the right words.

a Mrs Medlock was *angry* / *sad* because Mary went to find the person who was crying.b Ben Weatherstaff said robins were the friendliest *animals* / *birds* in the world.c Mary thought Martha was a *strange* / *funny* servant.d When Mary looked at Colin's back, she thought there was *something* / *nothing* wrong with it.e There were rose-trees *everywhere* / *nowhere* in the secret garden.f Mr Craven lived in a *big* / *small* house in the country.g Mr Craven wanted Mary to wear *black* / *white* clothes.h There were no flowers in the gardens in the *winter* / *summer*.i Mrs Sowerby had a *kind* / *ugly* face.j Mrs Medlock thought it was strange that Colin was getting *thinner* / *fatter*.

5 Finish the sentences with the right words.

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thought showed followed

a Colin his father about the robin and the gardens.

b Colin Mr Craven into the garden.

c Mary there was magic in the garden.

d Colin to feel better in the secret garden.

e Mary cross because Colin was angry that she did not visit him.

f Dickon and Mary away all the old wood in the garden.

g The robin Mary the key to the secret garden.

h Colin never his room before he met Mary.

i Dickon Mary to the secret garden wall.

j Every day Martha Mary her breakfast.