

The Secret Garden

Reader

Answer Key



Page 51 – Activity 1

- 1 **Mary** Lennox was a thin girl with an unhappy face who was often ill.
- 2 She lived in India, and because her father and mother were always busy, a **maid** looked after her.
- 3 **Mary's** mother didn't like it when she cried, so the **maid** always gave her everything she wanted.
- 4 When **Mary** was nine years old, there was a terrible disease in India. **Mary's** mother and father died, and so did her **maid**.
- 5 There was no one to look after **Mary**, so she was sent to England to live with her uncle, **Mr. Craven**.

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Reader's own answers

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- 1 the housekeeper, Mrs. Medlock
- 2 in Yorkshire, on the edge of the moor
- 3 It was late when they arrived at the house.

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Mary finished her breakfast.
 Martha told Mary to go outside for fresh air.
 Mary walked around the gardens, from one door to another.
 She came to a wall with lots of ivy on it.
 Mary saw a robin on one of the trees behind the wall.

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- 1 **As** Mary was walking back to the house, she saw an old man digging.
- 2 He looked very unfriendly, but **as she watched**, the robin flew down from the trees and landed near his foot.
- 3 The gardener smiled, **and** his face changed completely.
- 4 **At that moment**, the robin flew up into a tree near Mary and started singing.

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Model answers

After that, Mary spent most days outside. The fresh air made her stronger and she was more interested in things and people.

She asked Martha about the locked garden.

Martha told her that Mrs. Craven died when a tree branch broke.

Mary followed the robin and saw something in the soil where he was pecking.

It was a key. Mary put the key in her pocket.

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- 1 the robin
- 2 He went down on to the soil.
- 3 She found an old key.
- 4 the Secret Garden

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- 1 robin
- 2 ivy
- 3 soil
- 4 weed
- 5 truth
- 6 tool

Page 55 – Activity 10

- 1 Who did Mary follow again?
- 2 Where did the robin fly to?
- 3 What did Mary find when the wind blew the leaves?
- 4 Which key did she use to open the door?
- 5 Where was she?

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- 1 When Mary **went** outside a few days later, she **saw** a boy sitting under a tree.
- 2 He **was playing** music, and there **were** animals around him, listening.
- 3 “I’m Dickon,” the boy **said**, “and **I’ve brought** you some garden tools and seeds.”

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- 1 “Spring’s coming,” Dickon said. “Everything will grow, and **there’ll be flowers everywhere in a few weeks.**”
- 2 Dickon and Mary worked together **in the Secret Garden** all morning.
- 3 Mary felt afraid, but **he was not frightening.**
- 4 He had a handsome face that **was very sad.**

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- 1 Colin said that Mr. Craven was his father.
- 2 Mary said that Mr. Craven was her uncle.
- 3 Colin said that he was always ill, and that he had to stay in bed a lot.
- 4 Colin said that he was going to die.

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- 1 It was rainy.
- 2 She went to see Colin.
- 3 They talked about Dickon and his animals.
- 4 Dickon had a little fox.
- 5 He had a tantrum because Mary didn’t visit him.

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- 1 True
- 2 Doesn’t say
- 3 False
- 4 True

Page 59 – Activity 18

Usually, when Colin had tantrums, people ¹were too afraid ²to get angry with him. Now, a young girl ³was telling him the truth. After they both ⁴stopped shouting, Mary ⁵stayed with Colin, and finally he ⁶fell asleep. When she ⁷went to see him later the ⁸next morning, she ⁹had news.

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Reader’s own answers

Model answers

- 1 **Someone** was looking over the wall.
- 2 They didn’t tell **anyone** about the garden.
- 3 **Everyone** thought that Colin couldn’t use his legs.
- 4 **No one** knew they were in the Secret Garden.

Page 60 – Activity 20

One **sunny** day, **Dickon pushed** Colin's **wheelchair** to the Secret Garden. Colin looked around and saw that it was **beautiful**. "I shall get well!" he said. "I shall!"

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- 1 b
- 2 c
- 3 d

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