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 crown       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.