

Deepening Understanding

YR5 Classic Fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Q1

Why do you think the author has decided to use alliteration in this first sentence?

'Mistress Mary stood up and looked at it with an almost frightened face as it hung from her finger.'

2 Marks

Q2

Why is the word '*perhaps*' repeated at the beginning of each sentence in the *second paragraph*?

1 Mark



Q3

Find and copy two phrases from paragraph 3 that make the garden seem mysterious.

2 Marks

Q4

Why do you think Mary's actions are described in so much detail in paragraph 4? What effect does this have?

2 Marks



Q5

Below are summaries of the first 5 paragraphs.
Number them in the order they appear in the story.

Mary realises the key could be to the garden.

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Mary discovers the key.

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She finds the robin.

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She becomes excited about the garden.

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Mary talks to the robin.

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1 Mark

Q6

What evidence is there in paragraph 9 to suggest Mary was excited?

2 Marks



Q7

Find and copy three things you are told about Mary.

2 Marks

Q8

For each statement, tick the correct box to show whether it is true or false.

Statement	True	False
Mary was excited to open the door.		
The door had been sealed for twenty years.		
Mary believed in magic.		

1 Mark



Q9

Why do you think the author has repeated the word 'and' in paragraphs 12 and 13?

1 Mark

Q10

Using what you know about Mary, what do you predict she will do next now she is in the garden?

1 Mark

