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Reading Stories.

I. Prereading Task

T.: Look at the picture. What do you think is the text about?

Have you ever hidden secrets in the garden or park? What is the genre of the text?

II. Reading Task

T.: Read paragraphs A-E and put them in the correct order.

A 1 Mary looked round and there was the robin on the ground near her. 'You followed me!' she cried. She sat on the ground and put her hand out. The robin did not run away. 'I'm happy!' Mary thought.

Suddenly, she saw something on the ground near the robin. It was an old key. 'Perhaps it's the key to the secret garden!' she thought. She took the key back to her room and looked at it for a long time.

B She looked round excitedly. She was *inside* the secret garden!

It was very early spring, and there were no flowers. But there were rose-trees everywhere, and rose-plants climbed over the walls and the other trees in the garden. 'It's the strangest place in the world!' Mary thought.

The grass was brown, everything was brown. 'Is anything growing here? Everything looks very dead,' she thought.

C Mary walked round the garden. There were little green plants in the ground. She looked at them carefully. There was grass round them and the plants couldn't grow very well. She started to pull up the grass round the plants. 'That's better,' she said.

D She felt very excited. She took the key from her coat and put it in the door. It was not easy, but slowly she turned the key. She pushed the door and it opened. She walked through and quickly shut the door behind her.



E The next morning, Mary took the key and went to the wall of the secret garden. The robin was on top of the wall.

She laughed. 'You showed me the key yesterday. Perhaps you'll show me the door today,' she said.

Then something magical happened. There was a strong wind that day, and suddenly it moved the plants under the robin to one side. Mary looked – and there in the wall was a door. 'The door to the secret garden!' she cried.

III. Postreading Task

Choose the correct answer.

Mary found a _____ on the ground.

- a) A flower
- b) a bird
- c) a key.

The next morning Mary went to the secret garden and found _____.

- a) a friend
- b) a magic window
- c) a secret door.

The girl felt _____.

- a) frightened
- b) worried
- c) excited.

Mary saw _____ in the garden.

- a) rose-trees
- b) many flowers
- c) green grass

Mary started _____.

- a) to play with plants
- b) to go around the garden
- c) to pull up the grass round the plants.

T.: My friend Beth watched a film on this book “The Secret Garden”. She wrote a review. Read it and choose the correct variant of her opinion.

“The Secret Garden”

By Frances Hodgson Burnett.

A review by Beth Smith.

- I like the story, because it’s about the countryside and gardens and animals. I live in a town but I would like to live in the countryside one day.

“The Secret Garden” is an old-fashioned story and it’s a bit sad, but I enjoyed it very much.

I recommend it!

- a. I think The Secret Garden is a bit boring.**
- b. “The Secret Garden” is one of my favourite books.**
- c. Don’t read “The Secret Garden”!**