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Little Red Riding Hood

12 Chapters

Day 1-12

Q1 W5-W8

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 1: A Basket for Grandmother

VOCABULARY sick, hood, basket, alone

Once upon a time, a girl called Red Riding Hood lived in a little house at the edge of a big forest. She always wore a bright red hood, and everyone in the village loved her. One morning, her grandmother was sick, so Mother packed a basket of bread and fruit. "Go straight to Grandmother's house," she said, "and do not stop in the woods." Red Riding Hood nodded and kissed her mother goodbye. ★ **She walked alone through the forest to visit Grandmother.** The forest was quiet and a little bit dark. She felt brave, but she also felt a little scared. She kept walking on the path, all by herself.

THINK What does "brave, but also a little scared" tell you about her feelings?

Chapter 2: The Dark Forest

VOCABULARY dark, forest, brave, tightly

Red Riding Hood went deeper and deeper into the forest. The trees were so tall that they blocked most of the sunlight, and the air felt cool and still. Shadows stretched across the path like long, thin fingers. Whoo, whoo! An owl hooted high above her. ★ **She walked through the dark forest feeling brave.** Suddenly, strange sounds came from behind the bushes. Rustle, rustle! Her heart was beating fast, but it was only a little squirrel. Although her knees were wobbling, she told herself, "Grandmother needs me." She thought of Grandmother, held her basket tightly, and walked on.

THINK What does "the air felt cool and still" help you imagine?

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Chapter 3: Do Not Stop

VOCABULARY warning, path, basket, brave

Red Riding Hood was deep inside the forest now. Pretty flowers grew beside the path, red and yellow and blue, and a little blue bird sang above her, as if it wanted her to stop. But she remembered Mother's warning. ★ **She walked through the forest to visit Grandmother without stopping.** She held her basket of bread and fruit tightly. The path was long, but she thought of Grandmother's smile, and that made her feet move faster. Her legs were beginning to ache, but she did not complain. She was brave enough to walk the whole way alone.

THINK What does the bird's song add to the scene?

Chapter 4: A Friendly Wolf?

VOCABULARY Red Riding Hood, walked, forest, brave

Red Riding Hood had walked far into the forest, and she felt brave. Then, from behind a tree, a big wolf appeared. He had big eyes and pointy ears, and his gray fur looked soft and shaggy, but he pretended to be friendly and kind. ★ **The wolf spoke to her in a soft, gentle voice.** "Good morning, little girl!" he said, with a very big smile. "Where are you going with that basket?" Red Riding Hood did not know that wolves could be dangerous, so she told him about Grandmother's house.

THINK Which words tell you the wolf is not truly friendly?

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Chapter 5: The Wolf's Plan

VOCABULARY forest, through, dark, afraid

The wolf was very sly, and he had a secret plan. As they walked, his eyes shone with a sneaky gleam. He pretended to be nice, because he wanted to trick the little girl.

★ **The wolf spoke in a kind voice and asked about Grandmother.** "And where does your dear grandmother live?" Red Riding Hood was not afraid of him at all, so she told him exactly where the house was. "Through the dark forest," she said, "under three big oak trees." The wolf grinned, because now he knew the way. Poor Red Riding Hood did not know she was being tricked.

THINK Why does the wolf say "your dear grandmother"?

Chapter 6: Pretty Flowers

VOCABULARY forest, through, dark, alone, basket

The wolf kept talking to Red Riding Hood sweetly. "Look at those pretty flowers!" he said. "Why not pick some for your grandmother?" ★ **The wolf spoke kindly and asked where she went.** While she was busy picking flowers in the forest, the wolf ran ahead to Grandmother's house. She put the flowers in her basket and wandered farther through the dark trees, all alone, and she did not realize his evil plan. Meanwhile, the wolf knocked on the cottage door. Knock, knock! "It is Red Riding Hood," he said, in a soft little voice. Grandmother opened the door, and the wolf jumped inside! Quick as a flash, Grandmother ran to the closet and hid.

THINK What was the wolf's real reason for suggesting flowers?

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Chapter 7: Something Is Wrong

VOCABULARY wolf, spoke, sly, kind

Meanwhile, the sly wolf had put on Grandmother's cap and glasses and jumped into her bed. He pulled the blanket up to his nose and waited. Red Riding Hood arrived at the cottage and knocked on the door. She heard a strange voice. "Come in!" the wolf spoke in a kind voice, trying to sound like Grandmother. When she went inside, Grandmother was in bed. ★ **But something was wrong with the way she looked.** Her voice sounded deep, and her eyes looked too big. Red Riding Hood felt a chill run down her back.

THINK Which detail shows the wolf planned carefully?

Chapter 8: Big Ears, Big Eyes

VOCABULARY wolf, kindly, pretended, voice

Red Riding Hood walked closer to the bed. The cottage was very quiet, and the candle on the table flickered. "Grandmother," she said, "what big ears you have!" "All the better to hear you with, my dear," said the wolf kindly. "But Grandmother, what large eyes you have!" "All the better to see you with." He pretended to be Grandmother, but his voice was a little too deep. Each answer made her feel more and more worried. ★ **She felt something was wrong but did not know what.** Her heart was beating faster with every question.

THINK How does the author build suspense with the repeated questions?

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Chapter 9: It Was a Trick!

VOCABULARY wolf, voice, kind, asked, trick

Red Riding Hood's heart pounded, and the little room suddenly seemed very cold.

★ **She felt worried because Grandmother looked very strange.** She asked about the big mouth. "Grandmother, what a big mouth you have!" "All the better to eat you with!" growled the wolf, and suddenly he jumped out of the bed. Now she understood: the wolf had been wearing Grandmother's clothes all along, and his kind voice had only been a trick. Red Riding Hood screamed and tried to run away. She was terrified, and she did not know where Grandmother was.

THINK How did Red Riding Hood finally understand it was a trick?

Chapter 10: Help!

VOCABULARY grandmother, waited, cottage, love

Red Riding Hood screamed as loud as she could. The wolf was getting closer and closer to her, and his shadow stretched across the floor like a dark blanket. In the closet, Grandmother waited and listened, her heart pounding; she loved her granddaughter more than anything in the world. Luckily, a brave hunter was walking in the forest. He heard the screaming and ran to the cottage. ★ **The hunter came and burst through the door.** The wolf froze when he saw the strong hunter.

THINK Why does the author use the word "Luckily"?

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Chapter 11: Grandmother in the Closet

VOCABULARY grandmother, was waiting, inside, bed

The hunter stood between the wolf and Red Riding Hood. The wolf tried to run, but the hunter was too strong. Although the wolf was fierce, the hunter did not step back, not even once. ★ **The hunter came and saved her from the dangerous wolf.** "Where is Grandmother?" he asked, looking at the empty bed. He searched the whole house and found Grandmother in the closet. She was waiting inside the dark closet, scared but safe and sound. Red Riding Hood hugged Grandmother and cried with joy.

THINK Which words show how Grandmother felt in the closet?

Chapter 12: Just in Time

VOCABULARY grandmother, waiting, inside, for her, house

The situation was very dangerous for Red Riding Hood. The wolf had tricked everyone with his disguise. ★ **But the hunter arrived just in time and saved them.** One more second and it would have been too late. The hunter chased the wolf far away into the forest, and the wolf ran so fast that Grandmother's cap flew right off his head! Red Riding Hood and Grandmother hugged each other tightly. Grandmother had been waiting inside the house for her all day, so they sat down together and shared the bread and fruit from the basket. "Next time," said Red Riding Hood, "I will listen to Mother and go straight to your house."

THINK What is the message of the story?