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The Velveteen Rabbit

15 Chapters

Day 1-15

Q3 W32-W36

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 1: A Christmas Surprise

VOCABULARY rabbit, soft, button, loved

On Christmas morning, a boy found a velveteen rabbit in the toe of his stocking. The rabbit was soft and brown, and he had shiny button eyes. The other toys on the shelf were much fancier, with clocks and wheels and shiny paint, but the rabbit was special. ★ **The boy loved him.** He loved him from the very first moment. He slept with the rabbit every single night. The boy held the rabbit close and whispered goodnight. Outside the window, soft snow was falling, and the whole house smelled of cinnamon and pine.

THINK Why was the rabbit special even though other toys were fancier?

Chapter 2: Inseparable Friends

VOCABULARY together, fancy, laughed, worn

The boy and the rabbit were inseparable. They went everywhere together: to the garden, to the park, and to bed. ★ **The boy loved the rabbit very much.** He took him everywhere. The other toys laughed because the rabbit was not fancy. But the boy did not care about what they said. The rabbit's fur was getting worn from all the love. To the boy, the rabbit was more precious than any toy. Even on rainy days, they sat by the window and watched the raindrops race down the glass.

THINK Why was the rabbit more precious than other toys?

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Chapter 3: The Old Toy Horse

VOCABULARY real, horse, wise, gentle

One night in the nursery, the rabbit asked the old toy horse, "What is real?" The horse was old and wise, and his tail was almost gone. "Real is not how you are made," said the horse. "Love is what makes a toy become real." ★ **The boy loved the rabbit more than any toy.** His love was gentle, warm, and grew stronger every day. The rabbit's fur became thin, but the boy loved him still. Real magic was happening through the boy's true love. The nursery was quiet, and the moonlight painted silver stripes on the floor.

THINK What does the horse mean by "not how you are made"?

Chapter 4: A Dream of Hopping

VOCABULARY dream, hop, grass, hugged

After hearing the old horse's story, the rabbit had a dream. He dreamed of running through the green grass, with the wind in his ears. The grass tickled his nose, and he sneezed, "Ah-choo!" ★ **He wanted to be real.** He wanted to hop and play. Every night, the boy hugged him tight before sleeping. The rabbit felt warm and loved in the boy's arms. He believed that love would make his dream come true. He imagined the wind in his ears and the sun on his back, and it made his button eyes shine.

THINK Why did the rabbit sneeze in his dream?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 5: A Sick Boy

VOCABULARY sick, stayed, comfort, wished

One winter, the boy became very sick and stayed in bed for days. Mother brought warm soup, but the boy only wanted his rabbit. The rabbit never left his side through the long nights. ★ **The rabbit wanted to become real.** He wanted to truly comfort the boy. The boy held the rabbit and would not let go. Their bond grew deeper during those difficult days. The rabbit wished with all his heart to become alive. The nights were long, but the little rabbit never closed his eyes, not even once.

THINK Why did the boy only want his rabbit?

Chapter 6: The Real Tear

VOCABULARY doctor, thrown, tear, garden

The doctor said that all the old toys must be thrown away, because the boy had been sick. The rabbit was placed in a bag in the garden. The moon came out, and the garden was quiet and cold. A real tear fell from the rabbit's button eye. ★

The rabbit wanted to be real more than anything. He remembered all the happy days with his beloved boy. But something magical was about to happen because of that tear. A cold wind rustled the leaves, and the rabbit hugged himself with his soft arms.

THINK Why was the tear "real"?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 7: The Fairy

VOCABULARY tear, fairy, flower, kissed

The rabbit's tear fell to the ground, and a flower grew from the spot. A beautiful fairy appeared from inside the flower. She was the fairy who makes loved toys become real. "Little rabbit," she said softly, "you were loved so much." ★ **Love made him real.** It happened because the boy's love was true. The fairy kissed the rabbit, and light surrounded him. Something wonderful was happening to the velveteen rabbit. The garden sparkled like a thousand tiny stars, and the air smelled of sweet roses.

THINK *Why did the fairy come?*

Chapter 8: Hop, Hop, Hop!

VOCABULARY changed, fur, hop, wind

The light faded, and the rabbit looked down at himself. He had changed! He had real fur, real eyes, and real legs that could hop. Boing! His first hop was so high that he landed in a bush. ★ **Love slowly made the rabbit real.** It happened after all those years. He jumped and ran through the garden with pure joy. He could feel the wind and the grass for the first time. The boy's love had created the most beautiful miracle. He did a happy little dance, kicking his feet high, and laughed out loud.

THINK *What was funny about his first hop?*

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 9: Rabbit Friends

VOCABULARY rabbits, welcomed, together, sunshine

The real rabbit met other rabbits in the garden. They welcomed him and played together in the sunshine. They taught him to wiggle his nose and thump his foot. Sometimes he looked at the boy's window and smiled. ★

Love made him real — love is the magic. The boy's love had given him the gift of life. True love can make the impossible become possible. The other rabbits cheered, "Welcome, friend!" and gave him a bunch of fresh clover.

THINK What is "the gift of life"?

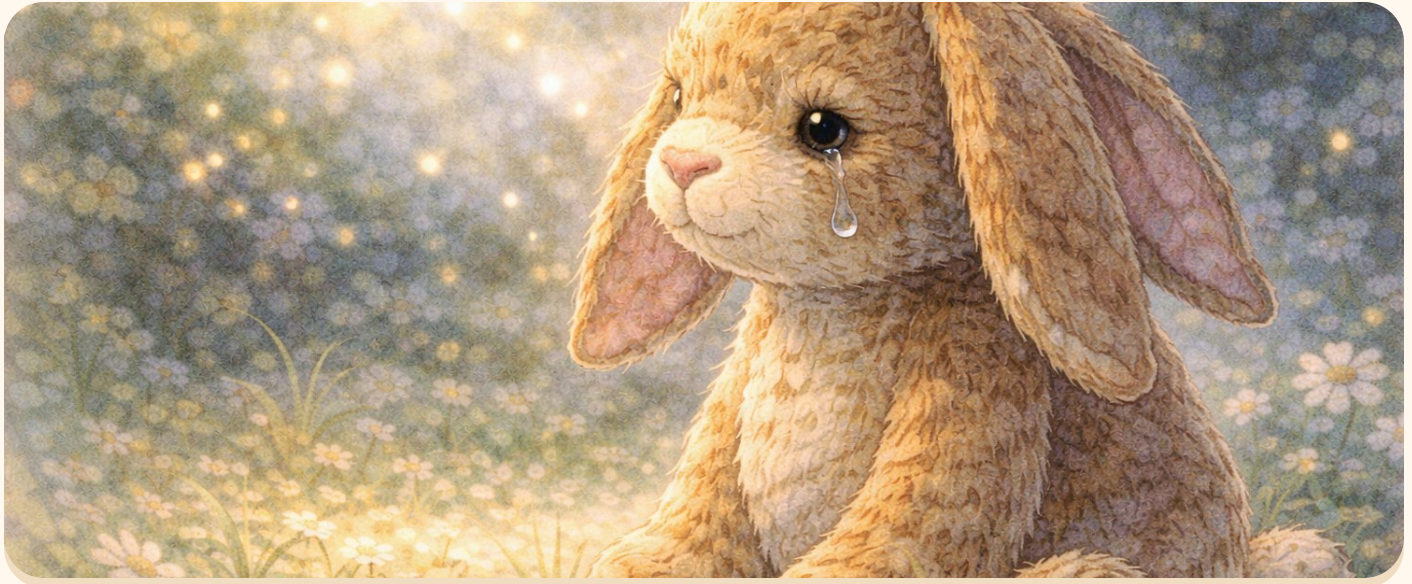
Chapter 10: A Familiar Rabbit

VOCABULARY garden, familiar, paused, smile

It was a bright spring morning. The boy was well again, and he walked in the garden. Then he saw a brown rabbit near the roses. The rabbit looked just like his old velveteen toy. Something about him felt very familiar. ★ **Real comes from love.** And the boy felt it in his heart. The rabbit paused and looked at the boy with warm eyes. A smile spread across the boy's face. He knew that his love had made something truly magical. A butterfly landed on the rabbit's ear, as if it, too, knew the secret.

THINK Why did the boy feel something in his heart?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 11: Remember the Nights

VOCABULARY understood, eyes, nights, lesson

The boy looked into the rabbit's warm, familiar eyes. The rabbit wiggled his nose, and the boy laughed. He remembered all the nights they had spent together.

Now the boy understood everything. ★ **Real is what love gives you.** It is true and deep. The boy learned this lesson from his velveteen rabbit. Love had made the toy real and taught the boy about life. They both became real through the power of their love. The boy gently touched the rabbit's soft ear, and the rabbit did not run away.

THINK How did the boy become "real" too?

Chapter 12: It Takes Time

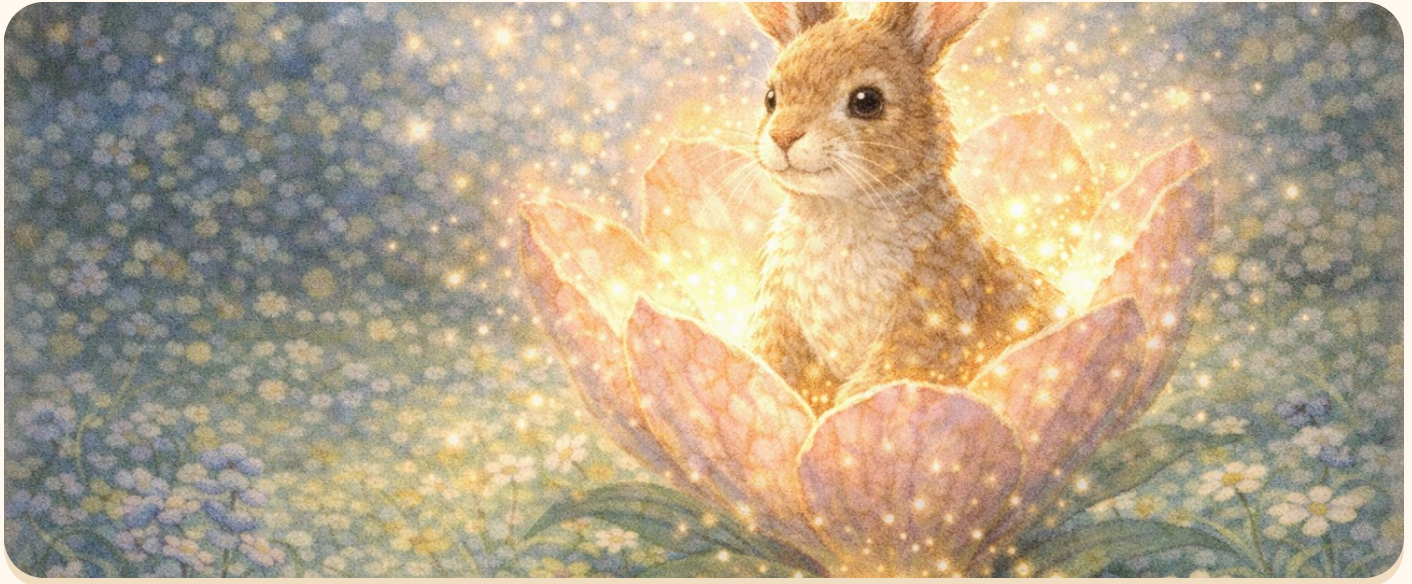
VOCABULARY time, patience, endless, simple

The velveteen rabbit started as just a simple toy. But the boy loved him every day without stopping. ★ **Real is what happens when someone truly loves you.**

Like a seed in the ground, love grows slowly. It takes time and patience, but it is worth waiting for. The rabbit became real because of the boy's endless love. True love is the most powerful magic in the whole world. Every evening after that, the boy and the rabbit sat together in the garden and watched the sun go down.

THINK Why does the author compare love to a seed?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 13: Love Is the Lesson

VOCABULARY powerful, ordinary, remember, lesson

The story of the velveteen rabbit teaches us about love. Love is the most powerful force in the whole world. ★ **Love is the lesson.** It is the lesson we should always remember. It can turn something ordinary into something magical. The boy's love made a simple toy into a living rabbit. Can you feel it too? We should love with all our heart every single day. On warm evenings, the boy sat by the window and watched the rabbit hop under the stars.

THINK Why does the author call love a force?

Chapter 14: The Stories We Read

VOCABULARY stories, courage, kindness, carry

We have read so many wonderful stories this year. We met a naughty rabbit, a girl in a red hood, a boy with magic beans, and a frog who became a prince. Every story taught us about love, courage, and kindness. ★ **I think love makes us real.** Just like the velveteen rabbit. When we love someone truly, amazing things can happen. The boy's love turned a simple toy into a living rabbit. Let us carry this lesson with us forever in our hearts. From the first page to the last, one thing stayed the same: kindness is never wasted.

THINK Which story from this year was your favorite? Why?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 15: The End of the Year

VOCABULARY finished, truly, remember, greatest

Congratulations on finishing all the Grade 3 stories! You finished every tale, from Peter Rabbit to the Velveteen Rabbit, and you learned so much. ★ **I think love is what makes us truly real.** Every story showed us that love, courage, and kindness matter. The velveteen rabbit became real because of a boy's love. Let us remember that true love is the greatest magic of all. Now close your book, smile, and give someone you love a great big hug. The End.

THINK What do you think makes someone "real"?