



# THE SECRET GARDEN

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## SUMMARY

Mary Lennox is always angry and upset. When she goes to live with her uncle, she's all alone, which doesn't help. When she finds out there is a secret garden all locked up, she decides she has to get inside. Spending all her time outside, she starts to get healthier and happier. Will she find the garden? And who does she hear crying in the hallway?



## Questions:

1. Have you ever felt angry or sad for days at a time? Is it easy to break out of a mood that bad?
2. Do you like to know secrets? Do you like it when people know your secrets? Why do you think her uncle buried the key when his wife died? How did he feel?
3. How much fun do you think Mary is having playing outside? Does that fun make her mood better? Does it make her healthier? Would it be even better if she had a friend to play with?
4. How do you think Mary felt when she found the key? When she walked into the garden?
5. How do you think becoming friends with Dickon and having his help in the garden made Mary feel?
6. How do you think Mary felt walking the halls at night? How about when she found Colin? How do you think Colin met to meet his cousin?
7. Why does Mary want to take Colin to the secret garden? Does she know how he feels, being sickly and alone?
8. How do you think Mary felt sneaking into the secret garden with Colin? How do you think Colin felt?
9. How do you think the children felt playing in the garden every day and taking care of all the plants?
10. How do you think Colin felt when he started to get better? How do you think he felt having friends for the first time? Is it always good to have friends?
11. How do you think Mary's uncle felt when he saw his son healthy? How do you think he felt when he walked through the secret garden? Is it possible to feel more than one thing at a time? Can you be happy and sad at the same time?