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CHAPTER 1: Mary goes to a new home



- 2 Mary Lennox had a little grumpy face and a little thin body. She was a difficult child. She lived in India with her parents. Her father was always busy. Her mother was beautiful but she was always at parties. They had no time to look after their daughter. Mary had all she wanted but no one loved her.



- ▶ 3 One night there was a lot of noise and shouting. The next day it was very quiet. Then two soldiers came into the house. One of them had a big curly moustache. He said, 'Look, there's a little girl here!' 'My name is Mary Lennox,' said Mary. 'Where are my parents?' 'I'm afraid they're dead,' said the soldier with the moustache. 'There's a cholera epidemic and many people are dead.'



- 4 Mary went to live with her uncle, Mr Craven, in a big house in England. Mrs Medlock, the housekeeper, said, ‘You must stay in your room and not walk around the house.’





- 5 There was a very friendly and talkative maid called Martha. She told Mary, ‘The house has got one hundred rooms but most of them are closed. Mrs Craven is dead. She fell from a tree in her favourite garden ten years ago. Mr Craven closed the garden and buried the key in the ground. Now that garden is closed, too. Mr Craven is never at home.’



Martha was so friendly that Mary started to be friendly too. ‘Can you tell me about the garden?’ she asked. ‘I don’t know where it is,’ said Martha. ‘It’s a secret garden!’



Activity Pages



1 Match the adjectives to the characters.

sad • thin • beautiful • talkative • difficult
kind • busy • friendly



2 Write the last letter to finish the words.

Number the sentences in the order of the story.

1 Mar_ sa_ Dicko_.

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2 Behin_ th_ doo_ wa_ th_ secre_
garde_.

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3 Mar_ foun_ a ke_.

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4 Dicko_ an_ Mar_ worke_
i_ th_ garde_.

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5 Th_ ke_ opene_ a doo_
in th_ wal_.

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