

# Reading

Activity 1: The Secret Garden and answer the questions

Activity 2: Read a text or part of a text of your choice and complete one of the activities below. Try to choose something different to what you have done before.

Choose one of these to complete about a text you have read

<p><u>COMIC STRIP</u> Choose the five most important events that happened in your book and turn them into a comic strip.</p>	<p><u>SUM UP</u> Summarise the book in 100 words or less. Remember to include key information</p>	<p><u>KEY PLAYERS</u> Rank the characters from most to least important and explain why.</p>
<p><u>MY FAVOURITE PART</u> Write about your favourite part of your book and explain why you like it using evidence from the text</p>	<p><u>NEW COVER</u> Design a new cover for the book. Include a picture, title, author and illustrator.</p>	<p><u>WRITE A LETTER</u> Write a letter to one of the characters in your reading book. Include at least one question you want to ask them</p>
<p><u>POINT OF VIEW</u> Retell part of the story from a different character's point of view.</p>	<p><u>QUIZ</u> Make up at least five questions about your reading book. Make sure you know the answers! Test your friend.</p>	<p><u>SEQUEL</u> Write 5 things that would happen if the book you've read has a sequel – Use evidence to support your ideas</p>
<p><u>MEETING</u> If you could meet one character from the text, who would it be and why? Make sure you give enough detail.</p>	<p><u>REVIEW IT</u> Create a book review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarise the plot</li> <li>• Explain why you like it               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who would you recommend it to and why?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>VOCAB</u> Are there any words in the book you don't understand? Can you find them in a dictionary and write them in a different sentence?</p>

The sun shone down for nearly a week on the secret garden. The Secret Garden was what Mary called it when she was thinking of it. She liked the name, and she liked still more the feeling that when its beautiful old walls shut her in no one knew where she was. It seemed almost like being shut out of the world in some fairy place. The few books she had read and liked had been fairy-story books, and she had read of secret gardens in some of the stories. Sometimes people went to sleep in them for a hundred years, which she had thought was rather foolish. She had no intention of going to sleep, and, in fact, she was becoming wider awake every day which passed at Misselthwaite. She was beginning to like to be out of doors; she no longer hated the wind, but enjoyed it. She could run faster, and longer, and she could skip up to a hundred. The bulbs in the secret garden must have been much astonished. Such nice clear places were made round them that they had all the breathing space they wanted, and really, if Mistress Mary had known it, they began to cheer up under the dark earth and work tremendously. The sun could get at them and warm them, and when the rain came down it could reach them at once, so they began to feel very much alive.

Mary was an odd, determined little person, and now she had something interesting to be determined about, she was very much absorbed, indeed. She worked and dug and pulled up weeds steadily, only becoming more pleased with her work every hour instead of tiring of it. It seemed to her like a fascinating sort of play. She found many more of the sprouting pale green points than she had ever hoped to find. They seemed to be starting up everywhere and each day she was sure she found tiny new ones, some so tiny that they barely peeped above the earth. There were so many that she remembered what Martha had said about the "snowdrops by the thousands," and about bulbs spreading and making new ones. These had been left to themselves for ten years and perhaps they had spread, like the snowdrops, into thousands. She wondered how long it would be before they showed that they were flowers. Sometimes she stopped digging to look at the garden and try to imagine what it would be like when it was covered with thousands of lovely things in bloom.



1. Name two things that Mary enjoys about the outdoors.
2. What time of year do you think it is? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
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**Match each word to its meaning.**

astonished	a flower organ, like a seed
determined	surprised
intention	growing
bulb	plan
fascinating	resolved or purposeful
sprouting	interesting