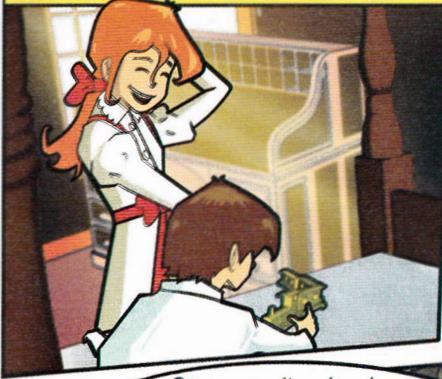


# The Secret Garden

## New friends

Mary has two playmates now. At home, Mary and Colin play and laugh happily. In the garden, she meets Dickon.



Stop reading books, Colin! It's a bright day today. Why don't we go and play in the garden with my friend Dickon? He's very nice.

No, thanks, Mary, I don't want to make new friends.

Come on, Colin! You can't lie in bed all your life!

I can't leave my bedroom or I'll get a cold and I'll die. I'm weak.

Some fresh air will not kill you!

!?!?

He doesn't move. Mary runs out and spends all the day with Dickon.



Get up immediately or I'll leave you alone!

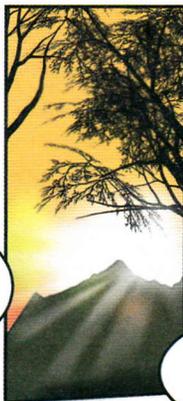


She tells him about Colin.

He must be a very sad boy.

If he comes here, he can smell the flowers and see my animal friends.

That will be good for him!



Some hours later.

Oh, my goodness!

It's late! I must go home and see Colin!

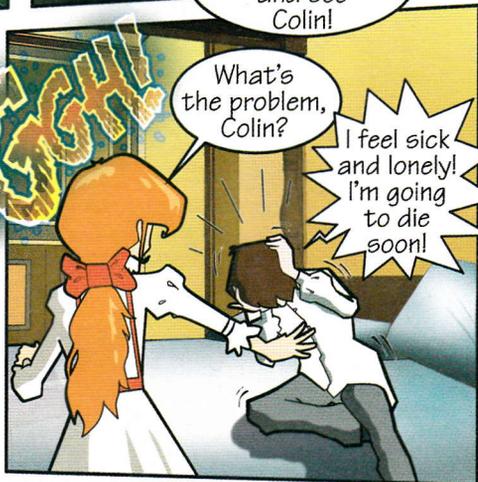


But when she gets back, Colin is in a really bad mood. He screams like a madman.



What's the problem, Colin?

I feel sick and lonely! I'm going to die soon!



Look! There's a big lump on my back.

Can you see? I'm going to become a hunchback, like my father. Then I'll die.

Miss Mary looks up and down his spine.



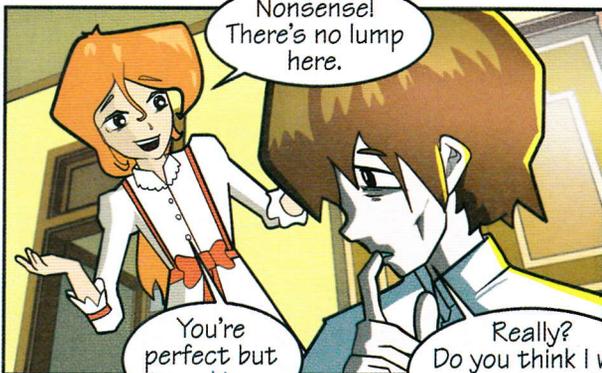
Show me your back, please



Nonsense! There's no lump here.

You're perfect but too skinny.

Really? Do you think I will survive and grow up?



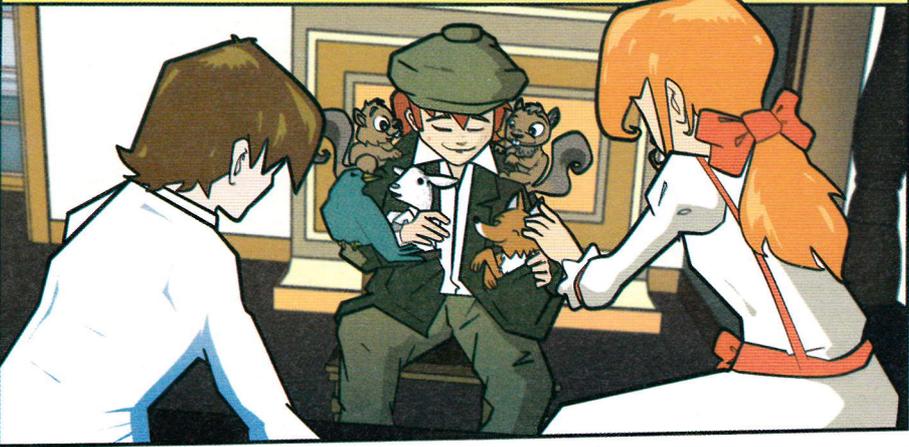
Of course!  
If you get some fresh  
air in the garden  
everyday.



Ok, then.  
And Dickon must  
come with us.



A few days later, Dickon arrives with his animals. They meet and make friends.



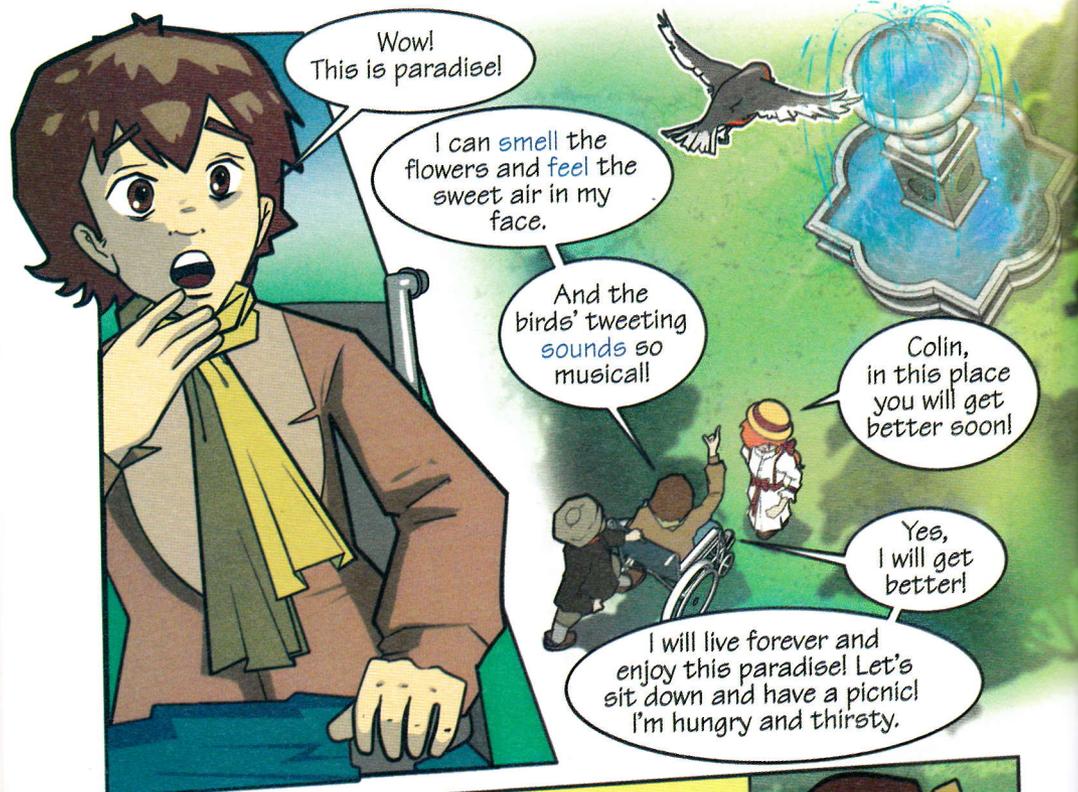
Miss Mary and Dickon push Colin's  
wheelchair into the secret garden.

Hurry up,  
Dickon!

Push him in!  
Quickly!



Colin,  
open your eyes  
now. Look!



Wow!  
This is paradise!

I can *smell* the flowers and *feel* the sweet air in my face.

And the birds' tweeting sounds so musical!

Colin, in this place you will get better soon!

Yes, I will get better!

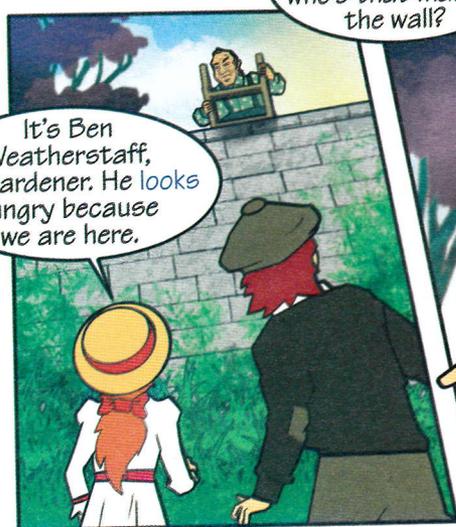
I will live forever and enjoy this paradise! Let's sit down and have a picnic! I'm hungry and thirsty.

They open a white cloth that they have with them.

This buttered toast tastes delicious!

You're right. Help yourself, Dickon!

Thank you, Colin. But... who's that man on the wall?

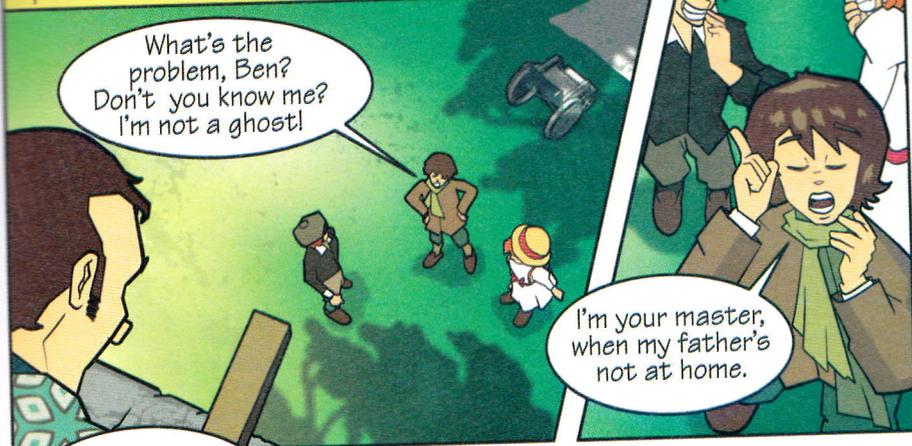


It's Ben Weatherstaff, the gardener. He looks angry because we are here.



What are you doing here, Miss Mary? You must not come into this garden!

Colin surprises his friends, he stands up and shouts at Ben.



Now, get down the ladder and come here!



A few minutes later, Ben is chatting with the children in the garden.



They work happily together until the sun goes down.

**WORKING ON THE TEXT**

- 1 Answer the following questions. Use short answers only.
- a. Do Miss Mary and Colin have fun when they play in his bedroom?  
.....
  - b. Does Colin want to make new friends? .....
  - c. Is Colin going to die because of a lump on his back? .....
  - d. Will Colin go with the children into the secret garden? .....
  - e. Have the children got any food to eat in the secret garden? .....
  - f. Can Colin walk? .....
  - g. Was Ben Weatherstaff happy to see the children inside the garden?  
.....
  - h. Were the children afraid of Ben Weatherstaff? .....

- 2 **KET** Read the text below. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space.

When the sun 1. .... in the morning, Miss Mary 2. .... up and runs to 3. .... bedroom to play with him for 4. .... time. Colin 5. .... in bed all the time and doesn't want to leave his bedroom. He is afraid 6. .... fresh air. He thinks that if he 7. .... a cold, he will 8. .... ill and die. Mary has a different opinion: if he 9. .... out, he will 10. .... better soon. At last, Colin decides to visit the secret garden with Miss Mary and Dickon. When they are there, Ben the Gardener climbs 11. .... the ladder and sees them. Colin orders him to get 12. .... from the ladder and come quickly into the garden.

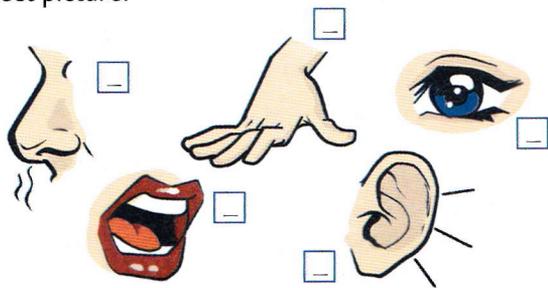
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| 1. A. comes   | B. arrives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. rises |
| 2. A. gets    | B. stands  | C. sits                                      |
| 3. A. Colin   | B. Colin's | C. Colins'                                   |
| 4. A. any     | B. some    | C. no  |
| 5. A. dies    | B. ties    | C. lies                                      |
| 6. A. about   | B. of      | C. from                                      |
| 7. A. gets    | B. makes   | C. receives                                  |
| 8. A. catch   | B. fall    | C. turn                                      |
| 9. A. arrives | B. gets    | C. goes                                      |
| 10. A. run    | B. get     | C. stay                                      |
| 11. A. down   | B. near    | C. up  |
| 12. A. down   | B. up      | C. in  |

**WORKING ON VOCABULARY**

**3** Sense verbs.

Verbs like *feel*, *sound*, *look*, *taste* and *smell* are called *sense verbs*. In English, they are normally used with adjectives. Match each sense verb with the correct picture.

- |          |
|----------|
| a. look  |
| b. feel  |
| c. sound |
| d. taste |
| e. smell |



**4** Use one of the *sense verbs* in Activity 3 and an adjective from the box below to complete the following sentences.

*hungry • lonely • elegant • musical • angry • delicious • awful • good • sweet*

**Ex.** → Colin has no friends and no parents. He *feels lonely*.

- Martha is cooking a cake in the kitchen: it .....
- The children eat some buttered toast in the garden: it ..... really .....
- Miss Mary is wearing a new dress: she .....
- My stomach is empty: I ..... terribly .....
- It's springtime. The birds are singing happily: they .....
- Colin likes the flowers in the garden: they .....
- Ben the Gardener ..... really ..... when he sees the children in the secret garden.
- "I can't eat porridge!", says Miss Mary. "It .....!"

**WORKING ON GRAMMAR**

CAN



CAN'T



- 5 What CAN/CAN'T the children do at Misselthwaite Manor? Complete the sentences below with the appropriate *modal verb*.
- Miss Mary ..... run to the garden and meet Dickon there.
  - Colin ..... lie in his bed all his life. He ..... get up and play.
  - Mary ..... skip a rope very well now. She is very good at it.
  - Dickon is a real friend of animals; he ..... speak to them.
  - Colin is not seriously ill; he ..... stand up and walk.
  - Miss Mary ..... see her uncle very often because he is away.

## WORKING ON SKILLS

### Writing

- 6 **KET** Mary leaves a post-it for Colin before she goes into the garden with Dickon. Here are some notes:

- in the garden – Dickon
- plant roses – cut trees – play with animals
- You? Why not come? Fun

Now write the message (25-35 words). Start like this:

"Dear Colin,

I'm in the garden now. I'm with ...

### Listening



Listen to the description of the picture below. Complete it with the missing colours.



### Speaking

- 8 Look at the picture again. Ask and answer your partner questions. Use the prompts below.
- What / colour / flowers / in the centre / on the right / on the left?
  - What / there / near the cherry tree / on the apple tree?
  - How many / animals / types of flowers / types of trees / there?

## CASTLES AND MANORS

When we think of England, we think of castles.

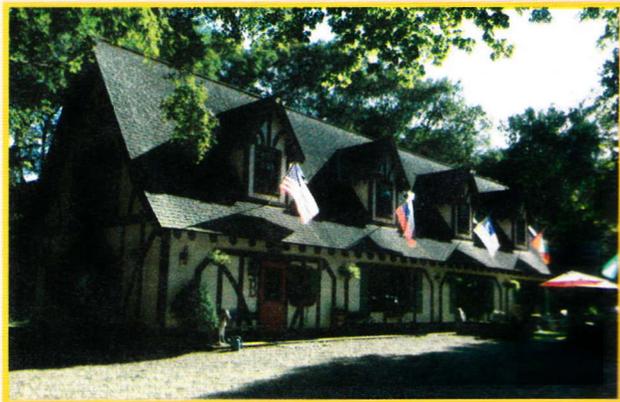
After the Norman Conquest in 1066, castles were military fortifications. They were the symbol of the power of the king or the baron. In the castle there was the church, the peasants<sup>1</sup> houses and the manor. The manor was the baron's home and was a self-sufficient<sup>2</sup> house, because there was usually a mill<sup>3</sup>, a bakery<sup>4</sup>, a blacksmith<sup>5</sup> and a lot of agricultural land.

Today, there are not many original medieval manors, but many Tudor or Stuart<sup>6</sup> buildings are similar to manors: there are large woods around them, orchards<sup>7</sup>, gardens and lakes where you can fish.

Some rich English people use old manors for special events, like weddings<sup>8</sup> or parties and tourists can find holiday accommodation<sup>9</sup> in manors. They are beautiful places, full of history, but quite expensive.

Burnett's Misselthwaite Manor is a fictional<sup>10</sup> place, but you can stay for a weekend in today's Misselthwaite Manor: it is a nice B&B cottage in Gloucester, Massachussets (USA). Enjoy your stay!

1. *peasant*: a person who has a small piece of land and grows crops, keeps animals, etc. on it.
2. *self-sufficient*: independent.
3. *mill*: 
4. *bakery*: a place where you can make and/or buy bread.
5. *blacksmith*: an artisan who makes or repairs metal objects.
6. *Tudor/Stuart*: two important royal families in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.
7. *orchard*: a garden with fruit-trees.
8. *wedding*: the day when you get married.
9. *accommodation*: place where you can live, stay.
10. *fictional*: invented.



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