

The Secret Garden • Worksheet answers

1. What or who do the phrases below describe? Write the answer after each one.

- A. a beautiful woman strolling past *Mary's mother*
- B. miles of empty land*The moor*.....
- C. his wrinkled face creased into a smile *Ben Weatherstaff*
- D. a hazy, frosty tangle of rose branches *The secret garden*
- E. a curly-haired boy, with a fawn by his side *Dickon*
- F. dark eyes stared out from an ivory-white face *Colin*



2. Circle the two words that have changed places in the sentences below.

- A. Mary began to make a hot garden, sticking flowers into the pretend dry earth.
- B. Several weeks later, Mary was in a stern-looking carriage, opposite the cold Mrs. Medlock.
- C. Mrs. Medlock marched Mary up a huge hall, across steep stairs and along twisting corridors.
- D. As soon as Mary hurried into the room, Mrs. Medlock shut the door and stepped off.
- E. Tapestries stood on the walls and in the middle hung a vast four-poster bed.
- F. Outside the person howled like a lonely wind, as lonely as Mary.

3. Cross out the word in each group which doesn't mean the same, or almost the same, as the other three.

- A. sobbing - moaning - ~~strolling~~ - crying
- B. astonishment - ~~charm~~ - amazement - surprise
- C. whimpered - ~~retorted~~ - pleaded - begged
- D. thin - skinny - scrawny - ~~shadowy~~
- E. nuzzled - snuggled - ~~confided~~ - nestled

4. Match the questions with their answers.

- A. "What's wrong with you?" → "Just do as I say."
- B. "Are you a ghost?" → "Never. I can't cope with cold air."
- C. "You go outside don't you?" → "It was the garden."
- D. "Are you sure, dear?" → "No, are you?"
- E. "You're well! However did it happen?" → "I'm weak."

5. Put the nouns in the right places to complete the paragraph.

"In the*garden*.....?" thought Mr. Craven. "My*dream*....."
 As he hurried down the*path*....., he heard*children*.....
 laughing in his*wife*.....'s old*garden*.....
 "The*door*.....'s locked and the*key*.....'s buried."

garden	children
wife	key
door	path
dream	garden