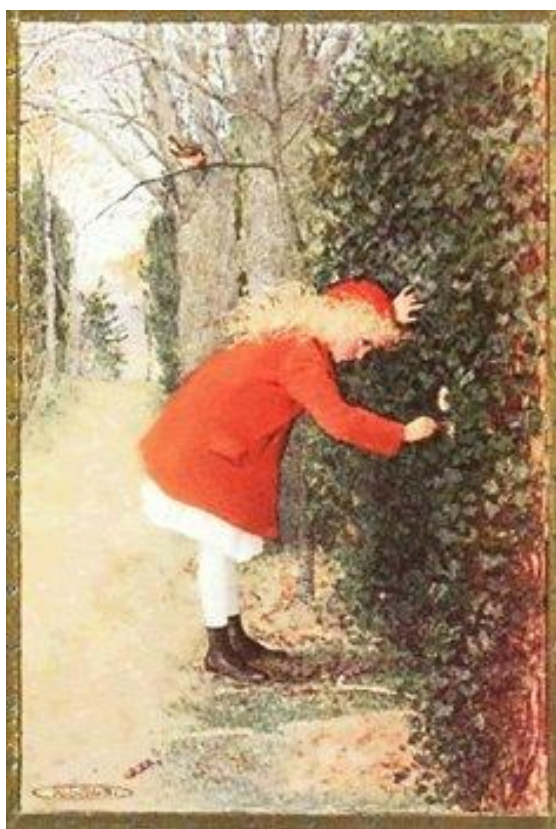


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Answer Keys
for
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One: There's No One Left

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- _____ 1. Mary Lennox was born in India and had always been ill one way or another.
- _____ 2. Mary Lennox had a thin little face, a thin little body, and thin light hair.
- _____ 3. Mary's mother was a great beauty.
- _____ 4. When Mary came to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle, everyone thought she was an exceptionally beautiful child.
- _____ 5. Mary's mother loved her dearly and refused to be separated from her.
- _____ 6. By the time she was six years old, Mary was a tyrannical and selfish little pig.
- _____ 7. Mary's father held a position with the English government.
- _____ 8. On the morning when nothing was done in its regular way, Mary's ayah did not come.
- _____ 9. From her spot under the tree near the veranda, Mary saw her mother laughing joking with a young officer.
- _____ 10. An outbreak of deadly cholera took the life of Mary's Ayah and many other servants.
- _____ 11. During the confusion and bewilderment of the second day of the panic, Mary hid herself in the nursery and was forgotten by everyone.
- _____ 12. Mary fell asleep from hunger and exhaustion, and she slept heavily for a long time.
- _____ 13. When she awakened and remembered that her Ayah was dead, Mary cried hysterically.
- _____ 14. Though she was spoiled, Mary had always been an exceptionally affectionate child.
- _____ 15. Mary was frightened by the snake she saw gliding along on the matting.
- _____ 16. While she waited for someone to come, Mary notice that everything was still, as if there was no one in the bungalow but her and the snake.
- _____ 17. When the officer found her, Mary was crying, hungry, and terrified at being left alone for so long.
- _____ 18. The officer recognized Mary and knew who she was immediately.
- _____ 19. Mary's father and mother died and were carried away in the night while she was asleep.
- _____ 20. The servants who had not died left the house as quickly as they could, forgetting that Mary was there.



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Four: Martha

Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Martha, the housemaid, (A) loved the moor, (B) feared the moor and never went there, (C) liked the moor only in the spring.
- _____ 2. In India, when she was angry, Mary had (A) made the servants entertain her, (B) slapped her Ayah in the face, (C) sat on her Ayah's lap and cried.
- _____ 3. Martha spoke with (A) an Indian accent, (B) a loud voice, (C) a Yorkshire accent.
- _____ 4. According to Martha, the house was run by (A) Mr. Craven's watchful eye, (B) Mr. Pitcher and Mrs. Medlock, (C) a barrister who lived in the village.
- _____ 5. Martha was surprised that Mary (A) couldn't dress herself, (B) had never been to England before, (C) was so independent.
- _____ 6. Mary lost her temper when she learned that Martha had thought she was (A) a native Indian with dark skin, (B) a spoiled, unpleasant child, (C) a boy.
- _____ 7. When Mary cried from rage and helplessness, Martha (A) ignored her, (B) was shocked and angry, (C) felt sorry for her and apologized.
- _____ 8. Mr. Craven had ordered that Mary would not be dressed in (A) play clothes, (B) expensive clothing, (C) black.
- _____ 9. Martha had never seen a child who (A) argued with adults, (B) stood still and waited for other people to do things for her, (C) refused to learn new things.
- _____ 10. Martha was one of (A) ten children, (B) twelve children, (C) fourteen children.
- _____ 11. The pony that Martha's brother Dickon called his own came from (A) the manor stable, (B) the moor, (C) a nearby farm.
- _____ 12. The slight interest that Mary felt in Dickon was the first time she (A) was interested in anyone but herself, (B) felt at home, (C) stopped being angry.
- _____ 13. When she refused to eat her porridge, Mary announced with indifference that she (A) didn't eat what she didn't like, (B) would rather have jam and bread, (C) didn't know what it was to be hungry.
- _____ 14. Once a month, on her day off, Martha (A) took a train into London, (B) baked sweet breads for her brothers and sisters, (C) went home and cleaned for her mother.
- _____ 15. Mary agreed to go outside when she realized that (A) there would be birds different from those in India, (B) Dickon would be in one of the gardens, (C) she would have to spend more time with Martha if she stayed inside.
- _____ 16. What did Mr. Craven do to the garden that had belonged to his wife? (A) He had it destroyed. (B) He locked the door and buried the key. (C) He preserved it, but would allow no one to go there.
- _____ 17. The walled gardens that Mary found were used to grow (A) rare roses, (B) vegetables and fruits for the kitchens, (C) herbs for making medicine.
- _____ 18. Instead of finding the mysterious garden as she had hoped, Mary opened the green door in the wall and walked into (A) an orchard, (B) a maze of trimmed shrubs, (C) a small vineyard.
- _____ 19. When the bird with the bright red breast burst into song, it brought a look to Mary's face which was (A) worse than her usual sour expressions, (B) close to tears, (C) almost a smile.

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Five: *The Cry in the Corridor*

Six: *"There Was Someone Crying—There Was"*

Write either **Yes** or **No** in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. At first, did Mary do the same thing every day?
- _____ 2. Did the time Mary spent outside running to keep warm against the wind from the moor improve her health?
- _____ 3. Did Mary waken one morning knowing what it was to be hungry?
- _____ 4. Did Mary talk to Ben every day when she went walking along the garden paths?
- _____ 5. On her long walk outside the walled gardens, did Mary see that the ivy had been clipped and made to look neat along every part of the wall?
- _____ 6. Did it seem to Mary that she understood what the robin was saying as he twittered and chirped to her?
- _____ 7. As Mary laughed and ran along the wall after the robin, did she look almost pretty for a moment?
- _____ 8. Did Mary come to believe that the robin lived in the garden with no door?
- _____ 9. Because she couldn't find a door, did Mary begin to think there was no secret garden?
- _____ 10. After her day outside in the fresh air blowing from the moor, was Mary cross when Martha chattered away during supper?
- _____ 11. Had Martha also thought about the hidden garden a lot when she first heard about it?
- _____ 12. Did Martha answer right away when Mary asked why Mr. Craven hated the secret garden?



- _____ 13. Did Mrs. Craven die after an accidental fall from a tree located in her garden?
- _____ 14. When Mrs. Craven died, did the doctors also think Mary's uncle would go out of his mind and die, too?
- _____ 15. Did Martha describe the shuttering roar the wind made as it rushed around the house as "wutherin"?
- _____ 16. As she listened to the wind, did Mary hear a sound like a child crying somewhere in the house?
- _____ 17. Did Mary believe Martha when she insisted there was no child crying in the house?

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Seven: *The Key of the Garden*

the moor
Dickon
Mary

'nowt o' th' sort
Martha
the robin

Martha's cottage
Ben
mole

Martha's mother
springtime
a key

From the list above, choose the word, name, or phrase that fits the definition below and write it in the blank. **All answers will be used at least once. Some answers will be used more than once.**

- _____ 1. She asked Mary if she liked herself.
- _____ 2. Even though she had never seen her, Mary liked her.
- _____ 3. Ben said he could smell it coming.
- _____ 4. She had been born ten years ago.
- _____ 5. He spoke to Mary when she found him working in the garden.
- _____ 6. The animals of the moor liked him.
- _____ 7. It was covered with blooms, butterflies, bees, and birds in the springtime.
- _____ 8. Mary felt lonely when this person left the house.
- _____ 9. Mary was thrilled when it seemed to remember her.
- _____ 10. It was located five miles across the moor from Misselthwaite Manor.
- _____ 11. Mary found this in a pile of freshly-turned up earth.
- _____ 12. Only it knew what grew in the secret garden.
- _____ 13. She had never dreamed of a sky as blue as the one she saw over the moor.
- _____ 14. A dog had turned up the earth in the flower bed looking for one of these.
- _____ 15. In her Yorkshire accent, this is the way Martha said "nothing-of-the-sort."
- _____ 16. She was sensible, hard working, good natured, and clean.
- _____ 17. He said things were stirring beneath the earth in the flower gardens.
- _____ 18. She wanted to see Martha's cottage.
- _____ 19. She ran round and round the fountain flower garden ten times.
- _____ 20. Mary was watching him when she saw the small pile of freshly turned-up earth.

