

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Once upon a time there was a sweet little girl whom every one loved, most of all her mother and grandmother.

Wherever she went, this little girl wore a little red cape with a red hood, so her friends came to call her Red Riding Hood.

1. Little Red Riding Hood was the _____ in this story.

- A) mother
- B) little girl
- C) grandmother

(B) Little Red Riding Hood was a sweet little girl.

One day little Red Riding Hood's mother said to her, "How would you like to see grandmother today?" Of course little Red Riding Hood was delighted . . .

. . . so her mother packed a little basket with custard and jelly, a loaf of fine white bread . . .

. . . and a bouquet of red flowers, for Red Riding Hood's grandmother had not been feeling well, and she wanted to cheer her up.

Red Riding Hood put on her little cape and hood . . .

. . . and her mother kissed her good-bye, and said to her . . .

"Now be sure to go straight to grandmother's house and do not stop to play or talk to any strangers in the woods."

2. One day little Red Riding Hood was going to:

- A) the market to buy food for a picnic
- B) go to visit her sick grandmother
- C) take the long way to walk to school

(B) She was going to visit her grandmother who was not feeling well.

Red Riding Hood promised to be careful, and off she started.

She loved to walk through the shady green woods, where shy little flowers peeped out from beds of ferns . . .

. . . and bright-eyed squirrels and bunnies skipped along beside her in the friendliest way. But today she did not stop to play with any of her friends in the woods. She kept right on the path.

3. To get to her grandmother's house, little Red Riding

Hood had to walk through:

- A) a small village
- B) a crowded city
- C) the woods

(C) The way to her grandmother's house was through the woods.

Suddenly from behind a big oak tree appeared an ugly gray wolf. He was an evil looking fellow . . .

. . . but he smiled at little Red Riding Hood and said politely:

"Good morning, my dear, And where are you going all alone?"

"My grandmother is sick and I am going to her little cottage in the woods to take her this basket from my mother," said little Red Riding Hood.

"And my mother says I am not to stop to play along the way or speak to strangers."

"Always obey your mother, my dear," said the wolf, eyeing Red Riding Hood hungrily. "Now I do not want to delay you, since you have a long way to go, so, good day!"

4. Which of the following is TRUE?

- A) Little Red Riding Hood obeyed her mother's command not to talk to strangers.
- B) The wolf spoke to little Red Riding Hood because he was interested in keeping her safe on the way to her grandmother's house.
- C) Little Red Riding Hood told the wolf where she was going.

(C) The wolf was a stranger, but little Red Riding Hood spoke to him.

With a little bow the wolf disappeared among the trees . . .

. . . and Red Riding Hood skipped along the path toward her grandmother's house.

The wicked wolf lost no time. He took a short cut through the woods . . .

. . . and reached the grandmother's house long before little Red Riding Hood. (The wolf rapped on the door.)

5. _____ reached the grandmother's house first.

- A) The wolf
- B) Little Red Riding Hood

(A) The wolf reached the grandmother's house long before little Red Riding Hood.

"Who is there?" called the grandmother who was still in bed.

"It is I, little Red Riding Hood," said the wolf, trying to make his voice sound soft and sweet.

"Come in, my dear," said the grandmother. "Just pull the latchstring."

So the wolf pulled the latchstring and slipped into the grandmother's cottage.

He then locked the grandmother up in a closet . . .

. . . and put on her nightgown and nightcap and climbed into bed.

6. After the wolf went into the grandmother's house:

- A) he sat down and had tea with Grandmother
- B) Grandmother was frightened and called for help
- C) he put Grandmother in a closet and then he put on her clothes

(C) The wolf "then locked the grandmother up in a closet and put on her nightgown and nightcap and climbed into bed."

He was just pulling the sheet up over his nose when little Red Riding Hood rapped at the door.

"Who is there?" said the wolf, trying to make his voice sweet and quavery.

"It is I, little Red Riding Hood," said the little girl. "Come in, my dear," said the wolf. "Just pull the latchstring."

So Red Riding Hood went in and put her little basket down on the table.

7. Little Red Riding Hood knew immediately that something was wrong in her grandmother's house.

- A) true
- B) false
- C) we don't know

(C) The story hasn't told us about this yet.

"Now, come closer, my dear," said the wolf.

"Why, Granny, what big ears you have!" cried Red Riding Hood as she walked up to the bed.

"The better to hear you with, my dear," said the wolf.

"And, Granny, what big eyes you have," cried little Red Riding Hood.

"The better to see you with, my dear," said the wolf.

"And, Granny, what big teeth you have!"

"The better to eat you with!" snapped the wolf, springing at Red Riding Hood.

8. The wolf was so well disguised that little Red Riding Hood did not realize that she was not talking to her grandmother.

- A) true
- B) false

(B) She commented on his ears, eyes, and teeth.

Calling for help, the little girl ran out of the cottage . . .

. . . and straight into the arms of a sturdy woodcutter.

He stepped into the house . . .

. . . and with one blow of his axe, killed the wicked old wolf.

Then he opened the closet door and out stepped Red Riding Hood's grandmother, none the worse for her fright.

Red Riding Hood kissed her grandmother warmly . . .

. . . and thanked the woodcutter for saving their lives.

9. What happened next?

- A) A woodcutter answered little Red Riding Hood's cry for help.
- B) The wolf put little Red Riding Hood in the closet with her grandmother.
- C) Little Red Riding Hood's mother arrived and scared the wolf away.

(A) The woodcutter killed the wicked old wolf.

Then, they all had a nice lunch from little Red Riding Hood's basket, and the woodcutter took the little girl home.

There has never been another wolf seen in that forest, but little Red Riding Hood takes no chances.

She keeps right on the path, does not stop along the way,
and she never speaks to strangers.

10. What do you think little Red Riding Hood learned
from her experience with the wolf?

- A) It is a good idea never to speak to strangers.
- B) Walking through the woods is always enjoyable.
- C) Woodcutters and wolves are usually friends.

(A) Little Red Riding Hood found out how dangerous
it can be to speak to strangers.

The End.