



Little Red Riding Hood

“Your old granny isn’t well,” Little Red Riding Hood’s mother told her. “Take this basket of food and make sure she is feeling better.”

Little Red Riding Hood was a good girl who did as she was told. She didn’t know that at the same time, a big bad wolf was wandering in the forest. He was very hungry and very grumpy.

As luck would have it, the girl bumped into the wolf halfway along the forest path. “Hello, little girl,” he said with a grin. “Where are you heading today?”

“I am off to take this basket of food to my granny. She is feeling a bit under the weather.”

“What a good girl you are,” the wolf said. Red didn’t notice him licking his lips. “Where does your granny live?”

“In the small cottage next to the stream. She’s very alone out there,” said Little Red Riding Hood.

They said goodbye and were soon on their way. Unfortunately, the wolf knew a shortcut, and he arrived long before the small girl. He slipped into Granny’s cottage through an open window. Once inside, he swallowed her up whole, put on her nightdress, and hid in her bed.

VOCABULARY FOCUS

1. Find a word that tells you that the wolf was moving around in the forest.
2. What does Little Red Riding Hood say that tells you that the granny wasn’t feeling well?
3. Which word tells you how the wolf moved into the cottage?
4. Which word means that Little Red Riding Hood didn’t trust the wolf?
5. What does the word “outrage” mean?

When Little Red Riding hood knocked on the door a while later, the wolf told her to come in.

“Why granny, what big eyes you have today,” she said curiously.

“All the better for seeing you with,” replied the wolf.

“And what a furry chin,” Little Red Riding Hood was suspicious.

“Erm... that’s part of my illness,” the wolf replied quickly.

“And I’m sure your teeth aren’t usually that sharp! You’re that horrible wolf from the forest!” She ran from the cottage. Not far away was a woodcutter who heard her cries for help. He sprinted over to the cottage and she explained what had happened.

“That’s an outrage!” he cried and burst into the cottage with his axe. Five minutes later he emerged again with Little Red Riding Hood’s granny behind him. Considering she’d just been eaten, she seemed a lot better than before. Although it was a long time before she slept with the window open again.



VIPERS QUESTIONS

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Where did Little Red Riding Hood bump into the wolf?

R

What was next to the cottage?

I

Why was it unfortunate that the wolf knew a shortcut?

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Why did Little Red Riding Hood speak curiously to the wolf?

S

What happened when the woodcutter went into the cottage?

Answers:

1. Wandering
2. Under the weather
3. Slipped
4. Suspicious
5. Something is unacceptable or not right

R: Halfway along the forest path

R: A stream

I: It meant that he got there first

I: Something seemed different

S: He killed the wolf and set the granny free