

Peter Rabbit

Once upon a time there were four little Rabbits, and their names were—Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-tail, and Peter. They lived with their mother in a sand-bank, underneath the root of a very big fir-tree. “Now, my dears,” said old Mrs. Rabbit one morning, “you may go into the fields or down the lane, but don’t go into Mr. McGregor’s garden. Your Father had an accident there; he was put in a pie by Mrs. McGregor. Now run along, and don’t get into mischief. I am going out.”

Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton-tail, who were good little bunnies, went down the lane to gather blackberries. But Peter ran straight away to Mr. McGregor’s garden, and squeezed under the gate! First, he ate some lettuces and some French beans; and then, he ate some radishes. He started feeling rather sick so he went to look for some parsley. But round the end of a cucumber frame, whom should he meet but Mr. McGregor! Mr. McGregor was on his hands and knees planting out young cabbages, but he jumped up and ran after Peter, waving a rake and calling out, “Stop thief!”

Peter was dreadfully frightened; he rushed all over the garden, for he had forgotten the way back to the gate. He lost one of his shoes among the cabbages, and the other shoe amongst the potatoes. After losing them, he ran on four legs and went faster, he might have gotten away altogether if he had not unfortunately run into a gooseberry net, and got caught by the large buttons on his jacket.

Peter gave himself up for lost, and shed big tears; but his sobs were overheard by some friendly sparrows, who flew to him in great excitement, and helped him free himself. Mr. McGregor came up with a sieve, which he intended to pop upon the top of Peter; but Peter wriggled out just in time, leaving his jacket behind him. He rushed into the tool shed, and jumped into a can. It would have been a beautiful thing to hide in, if it had not had so much water in it.

Chilli One - questions 1-5, Chilli Two - questions 1-10, Chilli Three - questions 1-15

1. Is there a 'good' character in this story so far? Yes / No Explain.
2. Who is the 'bad' character in this story so far? Peter Rabbit or Mr McGregor? Explain.
3. Do you think Peter Rabbit is wrong to eat Mr McGregor's vegetables? Why? Why not?
4. Do you think Mr McGregor is wrong to chase Peter Rabbit? Why? Why not?
5. Complete the table, filling in each side with their characters' traits (cheeky, happy, sneaky)

Peter Rabbit	Mr McGregor

6. Explain your character trait choices - what made you say what you did?
7. Do you think Peter Rabbit is naughty or cheeky? Explain your choice.
8. Do you think Mr McGregor is mean or misunderstood? Explain your choice.
9. Why has the author made Peter Rabbit and Mr McGregor the way they are?
10. Why do you think Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-tail stay out of the garden?
11. Why do you think Peter Rabbit goes into Mr McGregor's garden even though he knows it's dangerous?
12. Do you think Peter Rabbit would still go into Mr McGregor's garden if his dad was still alive?
13. If you didn't already know the ending, would you predict that Peter Rabbit changes? Explain.
14. If you didn't already know the ending, would you predict that Mr McGregor changes? Explain.
15. Would you still want to read the story if Peter Rabbit never went into the garden? Explain.