

Diagramming Sentences: The Secret Garden

In Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel *The Secret Garden*, Mary Lennox discovers more than a garden. She learns to love and take care of something. In this passage, we feel the wonder and suspense of her discovery.

DIRECTIONS

Circle the noun that is the subject of every sentence. There may be more than one!
Underline every verb that shows the action in each sentence. One sentence can have more than one verb!

Place a star next to every adjective.

Place parentheses () around every preposition.



Mary Lennox always said that what happened at that moment was Magic.

One of the nice little gusts of wind rushed down the walk. Suddenly the gust of wind swung aside some loose ivy trails.

She jumped toward it and caught it in her hand.

She had seen something under it—a round knob which had been covered by the leaves hanging over it.

It was the knob of a door.

She put her hands under the leaves and began to pull and push them aside.

Mary's heart began to thump and her hands to shake a little in her delight and excitement.

It was the lock of the door which had been closed ten years.

She put her hand in her pocket, drew out the key and found it fitted the keyhole.

She put the key in and turned it.

She took a long breath and looked behind her up the long walk to see if any one was coming.

She held back the swinging curtain of ivy and pushed back the door which opened slowly—slowly.

Then she slipped through it, and shut it behind her, and stood with her back against it, looking about her and breathing quite fast with excitement, and wonder, and delight.

She was standing inside the secret garden.