



Little Red Riding-Hood

Once upon a time, there lived in a certain village, a little country girl, the prettiest creature ever seen. Her mother loved her a lot; and her grand-mother even much more. This good woman made her a little red riding-hood; which made the girl so extremely happy, that everybody called her Little Red Riding-Hood.

One day, her mother made some *girdle-cakes*, and said to her: - "*Go, my dear, and see how your grandma does. I heard she has been very ill, carry her a girdle-cake, and this little pot of butter.*"

Little Red Riding Hood started her journey immediately to her grand-mother's house, who lived in another village. As she was going through the wood, she met with Gaffer Wolf, who had the intention to eat her up, but he dare not, because of some faggot-makers were nearby in the forest.

He asked her where she was going. The poor child, who did not know that it was dangerous to stay and hear a Wolf talk, said to him: - "*I am going to see my grandma, and carry her a girdle-cake, and a little pot of butter, from my mamma.*"-

- "*Does she live far off?*"- said the Wolf.

- "*Oh! ay,*"- answered Little Red Riding-Hood, - "*it is beyond that mill you see there, at the first house in the village.*"-

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"Well," said the Wolf, - "and I'll go and see her too: I'll go this way, while you go that, and we shall see who will be there soonest."

The Wolf began to run as fast as he could, taking the nearest way; and the little girl went by that farthest about, diverting herself in gathering nuts, running after butterflies, and making nosegays of such little flowers as she met with. The Wolf was not long before he got to the old woman's house: he knocked at the door, tap, tap.

- "Who's there?" -

- "Your grand-child, Little Red Riding-Hood," - replied the Wolf, imitating her voice, *"who has brought you a girdle-cake, and a little pot of butter, sent you by mamma."*

The good grand-mother, who was in bed, because she found herself somewhat ill, cried out:

"Pull the peg, and the bolt will fall."

The Wolf pulled the peg, and the door opened, and then he fell upon the good woman, and ate her up in a moment; it was above three days that he had not eaten anything. He then shut the door, and went into the grand-mother's bed, expecting Little Red Riding-Hood, who came some time afterwards, and knocked at the door, tap, tap.

- "Who's there?"

Little Red Riding Hood, hearing the big voice of the Wolf, was at first afraid; but believing her grand-mother had got a cold, and was hoarse, answered: *- "Tis your grand-child, Little Red Riding Hood, who has brought you a girdle-cake, and a little pot of butter, mamma sends you."*

The Wolf cried out to her, softening his voice as much as he could, *"Pull the peg, and the bolt will fall."*

The little girl pulled the peg, and the door opened. The Wolf seeing her come in, said to her, hiding himself under the bedclothes:

"Put the cake, and the little pot of butter upon the bread-bin, and come and lie down with me."

Little Red Riding-Hood undressed herself, and went into bed; where, being greatly amazed to see how her grand-mother looked in her night-clothes, she said to her:

"Grandma, what great arms you have got!"

"That is the better to hug you, my dear."

"Grandma, what great legs you have got!"

"That is to run the better, my child."

"Grandma, what great ears you have got!"

"That is to hear the better, my child."

"Grandma, what great eyes you have got!"

"It is to see the better, my child."

"Grandma, what great teeth you have got!"

"That is to eat you up."

And, saying these words, this wicked Wolf fell upon poor Little Red Riding Hood, and ate her all up.

ACTIVITIES

A. Choose and drag the word (a-f) to their meaning (1-5). One word is extra.

1. _____: a traditional Scottish cake. Flat, round (cake or bread) made from batter and cooked on a hot, flat surface.
2. _____: a small bunch of flowers.
3. _____: old way to refer to the second person /you/
4. _____: someone who collected and tied sticks together
5. _____: commonly used to refer to a boss

- a) Faggot-maker
- b) Diverting
- c) Gaffer
- d) Girdle-cake
- e) Tis
- f) Nosegays

A. Multiple Choice. Choose the correct answer.

1. Where does Little Red Riding Hood live?
 - a) In a city
 - b) In a village
 - c) In a castle
2. Who gives Little Red Riding Hood her red hood?
 - a) Her mother
 - b) Her grandmother
 - c) Her father
3. Why does her mother send her to her grandmother's house?
 - a) To visit her

- b) Because her grandmother is ill
 - c) To play in the forest
4. What food does Little Red Riding Hood carry?
- a) Bread and milk
 - b) Cake and butter
 - c) Fruit and juice
5. Where does the grandmother live?
- a) In the village
 - b) In the forest
 - c) In another village
6. Who does Little Red Riding Hood meet in the forest?
- a) A hunter
 - b) A wolf
 - c) A neighbor
7. Why doesn't the wolf eat her immediately?
- a) He is not hungry
 - b) He is afraid of people nearby
 - c) He is tired
8. What does the wolf ask Little Red Riding Hood?
- a) Her name
 - b) Where she is going
 - c) Her age
9. Which path does the wolf take?
- a) The longer path
 - b) The safer path
 - c) The shortest path
10. What does Little Red Riding Hood do on the way?
- a) Runs home
 - b) Picks flowers and plays
 - c) Sleeps

11. How does the wolf enter the grandmother's house?
 - a) He breaks the door
 - b) He uses a key
 - c) He asks her to open the door
 12. Where is the wolf when Little Red Riding Hood arrives?
 - a) Under the bed
 - b) In the kitchen
 - c) In the grandmother's bed
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B. True / False. Read the text again and choose.

1. Little Red Riding Hood knows the wolf is dangerous.
2. The wolf pretends to be Little Red Riding Hood.
3. The grandmother opens the door herself.
4. The wolf eats the grandmother.
5. Little Red Riding Hood arrives before the wolf.
6. The wolf tells the truth when he speaks to the girl.
7. Little Red Riding Hood undresses and gets into bed.
8. She thinks her grandmother looks strange.
9. The wolf explains why his arms, ears, and eyes are big.
10. Little Red Riding Hood runs away at the end.
11. The wolf eats Little Red Riding Hood.
12. The story has a happy ending for everyone.
13. Young people should be careful with strangers.