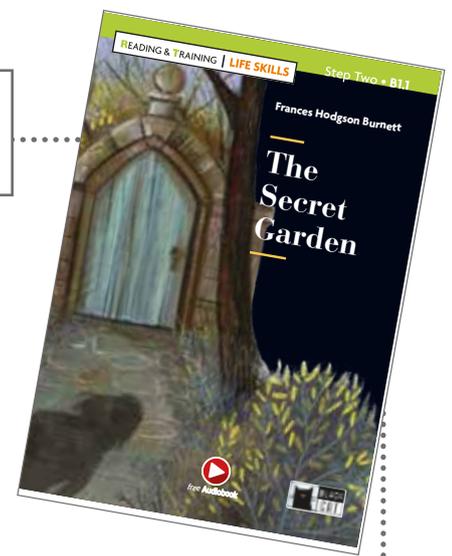


LISTENING ACTIVITY

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THE SECRET GARDEN

1  Listen to the audio and complete the text.
Choose the word/s from the basket below.

- believes • candle • died • crooked • lying • cousin • allowed • branch • think • curtains

Mary entered the room slowly and put her **1**
down on a table. It was a big, gloomy room with heavy
2 on the windows. She looked at the young boy
3 on the bed who was very sad.

'Who are you?' asked Mary.

The young boy looked at her and said, 'My name's Colin Craven.'

'Colin Craven?' asked Mary.

'Yes, Colin Craven,' answered the young boy.

'Mr Craven is my uncle,' said Mary who was a bit confused.

'He's my father,' said the boy.

'Your father!' exclaimed Mary. 'No one told me that he had a son! Then I'm your **4**
..... Don't you know that I came to live here?'

Colin looked at Mary sadly and said, 'No one told me.'

'But why?' asked Mary.

'Because I'm afraid that people will see me. I don't want anyone to see me and talk
about me.'

'Why?' asked Mary, who felt more and more confused.

'Because I'm always ill and I must stay in bed. The servants aren't **5**
..... to talk about me. My father doesn't want anyone to talk about me to anyone. He's
afraid I'll grow up with a **6** back. My father doesn't want to see me
because my mother **7** when I was born, and when he sees me, he
feels very sad. He thinks I don't know, but I do. He hates me.'

'I'm sure he doesn't hate you,' said Mary, 'but he hates the garden because she fell
off the **8** of the tree and then died.'

'What garden?' asked Colin.

'Oh, just a garden she liked,' said Mary. 'Have you always been here?'

'Nearly always,' said Colin. 'If I go out, people look at me and I hate it.'

'If you don't like people to see you,' Mary said, 'shall I go away?'

'Oh, no!' Colin replied quickly. 'You must stay and talk to me.'

Mary sat on a chair near Colin's bed and talked for a long time. Colin wanted to
know all about Mary and about her life at Misselthwaite. He told her how unhappy
and lonely he was, although he was given everything he wanted.

'Everyone must do as I say,' Colin said. 'I'll be ill if they don't.'

'Do you think you'll get well?' Mary asked.

'No, I don't,' Colin answered sadly. 'No one **9** I'll live until I grow up.
But I don't want to die. When I **10** about it, I cry and cry.'

I heard you crying before, said Mary, 'but I didn't know who it was. Were you crying
about that?'

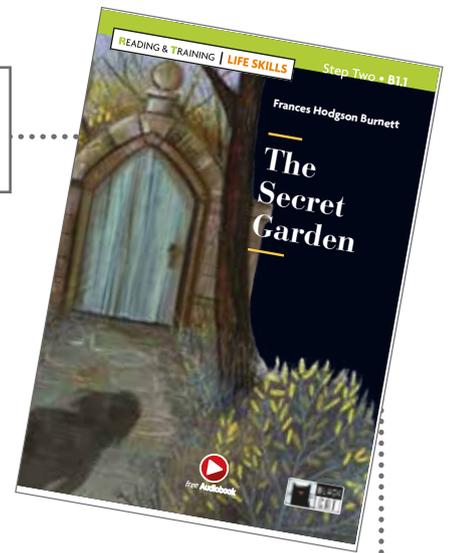
'Let's talk about something else,' said Colin. 'What do you do in the morning?'

(from Chapter Four)



LISTENING ACTIVITY

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2 Choose the correct answer – a, b or c.

1. What did Mary put down on a table when she entered the room?

- a. a book
- b. a candle
- c. a key

2. Why must Colin Craven always stay in bed?

- a. because Colin was always tired
- b. because Colin was very shy
- c. because Colin was always ill

3. What can't the servants talk about?

- a. about Colin
- b. about the garden
- c. about Mary

4. How did Colin's mother die?

- a. She fell off the branch of a tree.
- b. She fell off a horse.
- c. She fell down the stairs.

5. Why did Colin cry?

- a. because he didn't want to go out
- b. because he didn't want to die
- c. because he was very lonely

