



# *Little Red Riding Hood*



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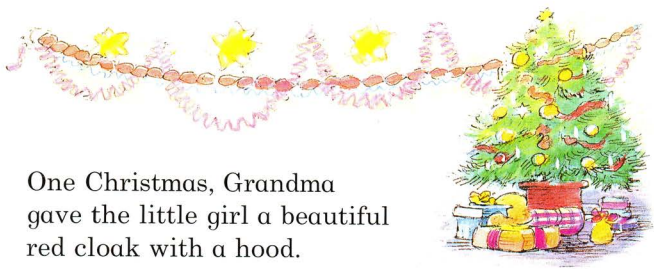
**T**HIS is the story of a little girl, her grandma and a big bad wolf.

The little girl lived in a little white house. The house was in a village and the village was near a forest.

She was a good little girl. Her mother and father loved her very much. Her grandma loved her very much too.

The little girl's grandma lived in a very old house in the middle of the forest. The little girl often went to her grandma's house.





One Christmas, Grandma  
gave the little girl a beautiful  
red cloak with a hood.

‘Oh, thank you!’ said the little girl.

She wore the cloak all day on Christmas  
Day and the next day too. She wore it all  
the time, so people gave her a new name.  
They called her ‘Little Red Riding Hood’.



One day her mother said,  
'Little Red Riding Hood,  
your grandma is ill. Go to  
her house and take her this  
basket of bread and butter.  
Walk quickly to her house.  
Don't stop and play. And  
don't leave the road. Do you understand?'



'Yes, Mother,' said Little Red Riding Hood.

Little Red Riding Hood  
took the basket and ran  
into the forest.



She walked very quickly.  
She did not stop and play. But soon  
after, she saw ...



... a wolf!

'Hello,' said the wolf. 'How  
are you today?'



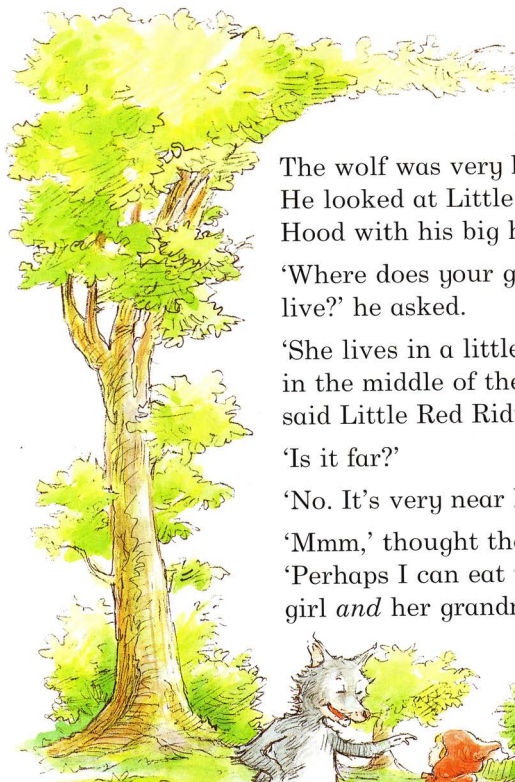
'I'm very well, thank you,' she answered.

'But my grandma is ill. I'm taking this basket of bread and butter to her.'

'Are you?' said the wolf. 'That's interesting!'







The wolf was very hungry.  
He looked at Little Red Riding  
Hood with his big hungry eyes.

‘Where does your grandma  
live?’ he asked.

‘She lives in a little old house  
in the middle of the forest,’  
said Little Red Riding Hood.

‘Is it far?’

‘No. It’s very near here.’

‘Mmm,’ thought the wolf.

‘Perhaps I can eat this little  
girl *and* her grandma.’



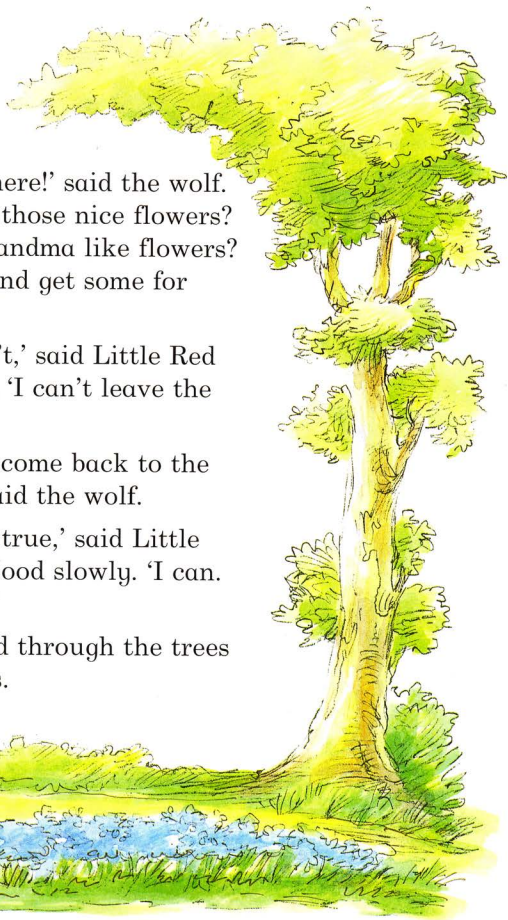
'Look over there!' said the wolf.  
'Can you see those nice flowers?  
Does your grandma like flowers?  
You can go and get some for  
her.'

'Oh no, I can't,' said Little Red  
Riding Hood. 'I can't leave the  
road.'

'But you can come back to the  
road later,' said the wolf.

'Yes ... that's true,' said Little  
Red Riding Hood slowly. 'I can.  
Oh, all right!'

So she walked through the trees  
to the flowers.





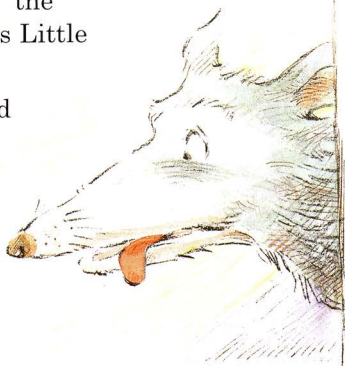
Now the bad wolf ran quickly to Grandma's house.

He went to the door and knocked.

'Who is it?' called Little Red Riding Hood's grandma.

'It's me, Grandma!' the wolf answered. 'It's Little Red Riding Hood!'

'Open the door and come in, dear.'







‘Where are you, Grandma?’ called the wolf.

‘I’m upstairs in bed, dear. I am ill today and I can’t get up.’

‘I’ve got some nice bread and butter for you,’ called the wolf.

He went up the stairs and ran into Grandma’s bedroom. Then he jumped onto the bed and opened his big mouth and ate her!



The wolf put on one of Grandma's nightdresses, and got into her bed and waited. He waited for Little Red Riding Hood.



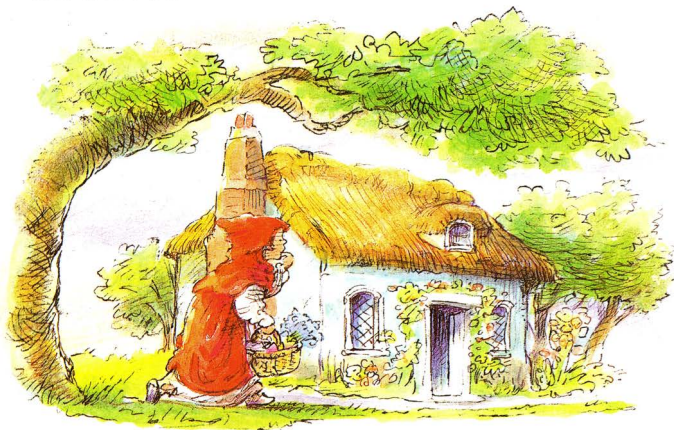
Little Red Riding Hood  
got lots of beautiful  
flowers in the forest.

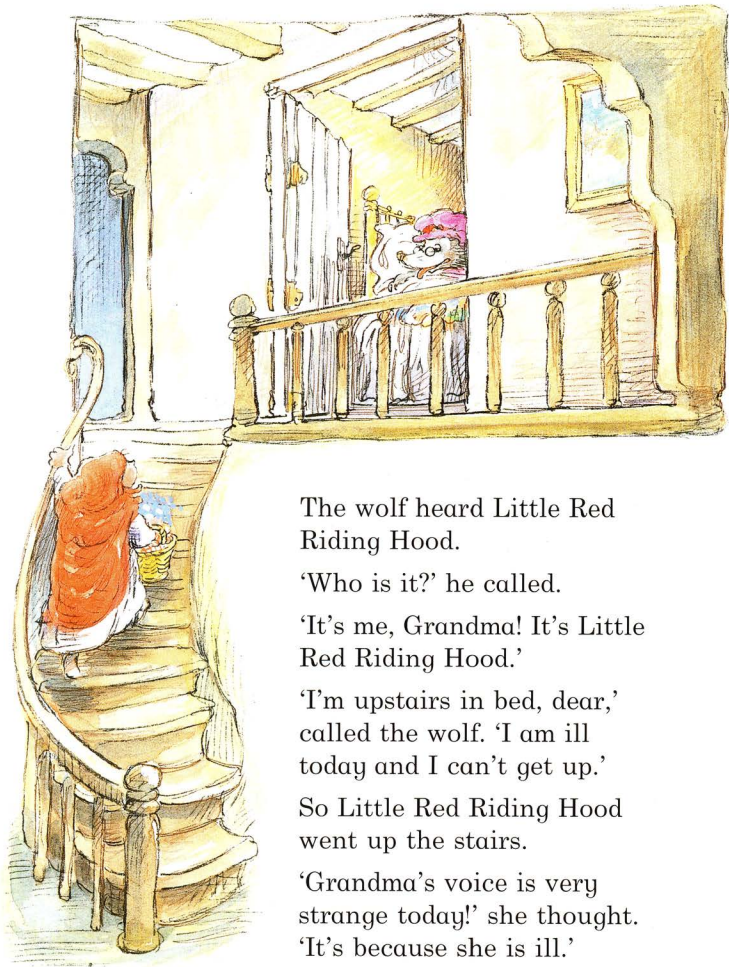
Then suddenly she  
remembered her grandma.

‘Oh dear!’ she said.  
‘I’m going to be late!’

She ran back to the  
road, and soon she came  
to her grandma’s house. She stopped when  
she saw the open door.

‘That’s strange,’ thought Little Red Riding  
Hood. ‘Why is Grandma’s door open?’ And  
she went in.





The wolf heard Little Red Riding Hood.

‘Who is it?’ he called.

‘It’s me, Grandma! It’s Little Red Riding Hood.’

‘I’m upstairs in bed, dear,’ called the wolf. ‘I am ill today and I can’t get up.’

So Little Red Riding Hood went up the stairs.

‘Grandma’s voice is very strange today!’ she thought. ‘It’s because she is ill.’



Little Red Riding Hood  
went into the bedroom.

‘Hello, Grandma,’ she  
said. ‘I am sorry you are ill  
today. Look! I’ve got some  
nice bread and butter for you.  
And some beautiful flowers!’



‘Thank you, dear,’ said the wolf. ‘Put them  
on the table and come here.’

So Little Red Riding Hood put down her  
basket and went to the bed.

‘Oh, Grandma,’ she said, ‘you look very  
strange today!’

And suddenly she was afraid.





‘Oh, Grandma,’ said Little Red Riding Hood, ‘you’ve got very big eyes today!’



‘That’s because I want to see you, my dear,’ said the wolf.

‘Oh, Grandma,’ said Little Red Riding Hood, ‘you’ve got very big ears today!’



‘That’s because I want to hear you, my dear,’ said the wolf.

‘Oh, Grandma, you’ve got a very big nose today!’



‘That’s because I want to smell those beautiful flowers, my dear.’

‘Oh, Grandma!’ said Little Red Riding Hood, ‘you’ve got a very big mouth today and a lot of very big teeth!’

‘Yes, my dear,’ said the wolf. ‘And that’s because I want to eat you!’

And the wolf jumped out of the bed and ate Little Red Riding Hood.

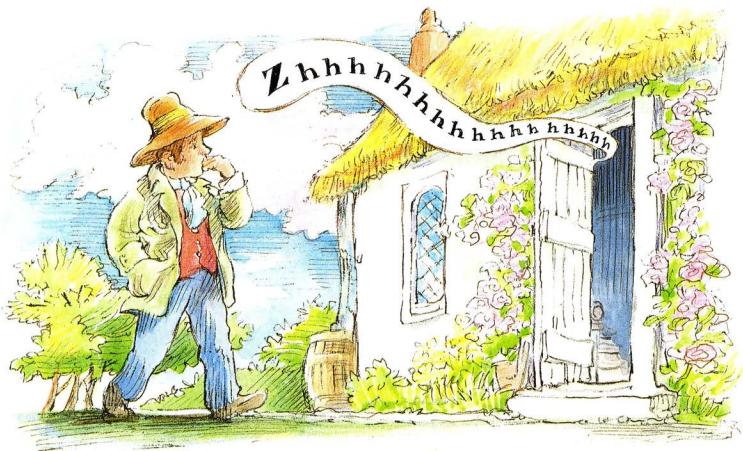


Now the wolf was big and fat and he wanted to go to sleep. He took off Grandma’s nightdress and put it on the floor.

Then he got back into bed and went to sleep. Soon he began to snore loudly.

‘Zhhhh,’ he snored. ‘Zhhhhh!’



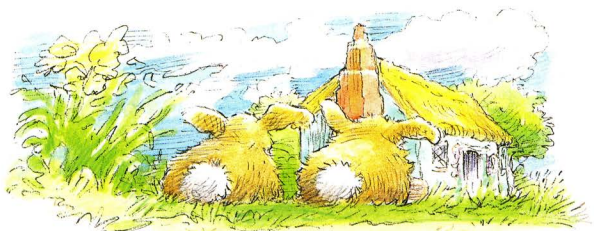


Soon after, Little Red Riding Hood's father came to the house. He saw the open door.

'That's strange,' he thought. 'Why is the door open? And what's that noise?'

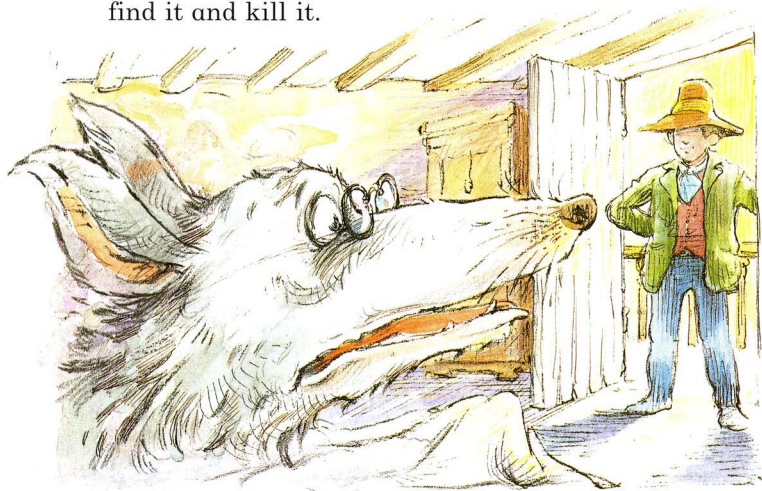
'Zhhhhhhh,' snored the wolf. 'Zhhhhhhhh!!'

'Grandma's voice is very strange today,' thought Little Red Riding Hood's father.



He went upstairs to Grandma's bedroom. He looked at the bed and saw the wolf.

'It's you!' he said. He knew about the wolf. All the men in the village wanted to find it and kill it.



'What are you doing in Grandma's bed? Well, you can't run away now.'

And he took his knife and killed the wolf.

Then he thought, 'Perhaps Grandma is alive!'







So Little Red Riding Hood's father took his knife and cut open the wolf. And Little Red Riding Hood jumped out.

'Oh, Father! Quick! Help Grandma. She's in there, in the dark!'

Then Grandma jumped out.

'Oh! Oh! Where's that bad wolf?' she said.

'Everything's all right now,' said Little Red Riding Hood's father. 'The wolf is dead.'





So Grandma had a cup of tea and some nice bread and butter.



Then Little Red Riding Hood and her father went home to their little white house. Little Red Riding Hood ran to her mother and told her everything.

‘But it’s all right now!’ she said.

‘Yes,’ said her mother. ‘But Little Red Riding Hood, do not talk to wolves again. And do not leave the road when you go through the forest. Do you understand?’

‘Yes, Mother.’

After that, Little Red Riding Hood always stayed on the road. And she never saw a wolf again.



## Exercises

### 1 Who is speaking?



- 1 'Little Red Riding Hood, your grandma is ill.'
- 2 'Perhaps I can eat this little girl *and* her grandma.'
- 3 'Grandma, you've got very big eyes today!'
- 4 'What are you doing in Grandma's bed?'

### 2 Choose words to complete the sentence.

a big nose   ~~big ears~~   big eyes   a big mouth



He's got big ears



He's got \_\_\_\_\_



He's got \_\_\_\_\_



He's got \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Make sentences about the story.

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|--|--|
| 1 The house was in a village and ...                     | take her this basket of bread and butter.' |
| 2 'Go to Grandma's house and ...                         | the village was near a forest.             |
| 3 Little Red Riding Hood's father took his knife and ... | ate her.                                   |
| 4 The wolf opened his big mouth and ...                  | killed the wolf.                           |

### 4 Match the present with the past.

#### past

ate	..... <i>eat</i> .....
began	.....
came	.....
gave	.....
heard	..... <i>hear</i> .....
knew	.....
ran	.....
said	..... <i>say</i> .....
saw	..... <i>see</i> .....
thought	..... <i>think</i> .....
told	..... <i>tell</i> .....
took	..... <i>take</i> .....
was	.....
went	.....
wore	..... <i>wear</i> .....

#### present

give
<del>say</del>
<del>wear</del>
is
<del>take</del>
go
<del>think</del>
run
come
<del>hear</del>
begin
see
know
eat
tell

# Glossary

**afraid**

She's afraid –



**cloak**



**dead**

See **alive**

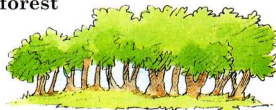
**alive**

alive –

dead –



**forest**



**grandma** your **grandma** (or **grandmother**) is the mother of your mother or your father.

**basket**



**hood**



**bread**



**hungry** when you are **hungry**, you want to eat something.

**butter**



**ill**

He's ill –



knife



middle

The red house is in the middle of the village –



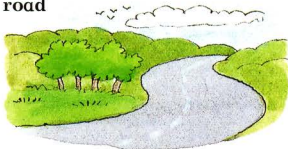
nightdress



noise



road



smell

She's **smelling** the flowers –



stairs



teeth



village



visit to go and see someone

wore

In the past, people **wore** cloaks –





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