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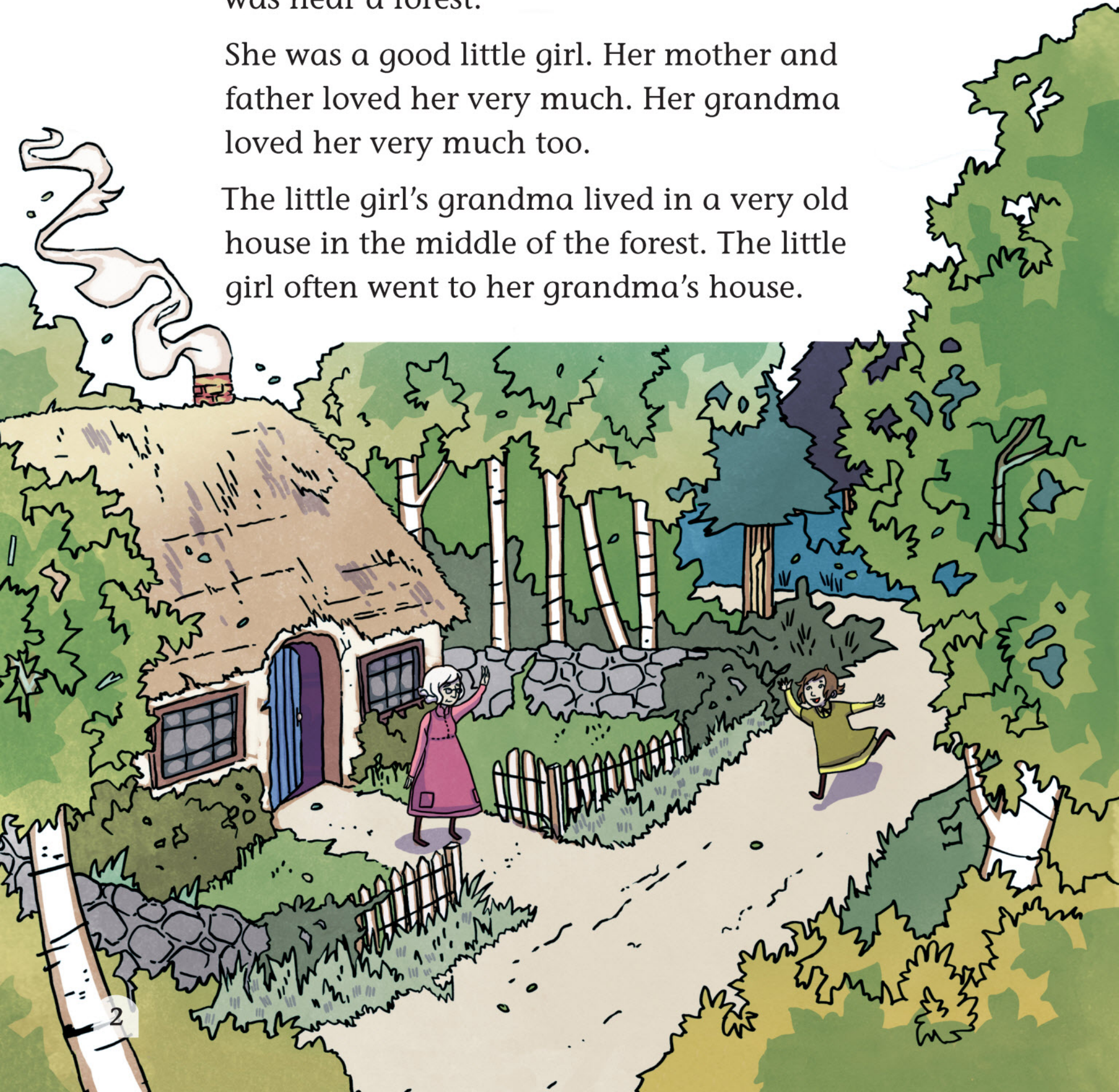


This is the story of a little girl,
her grandma, and a big
bad wolf.

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.

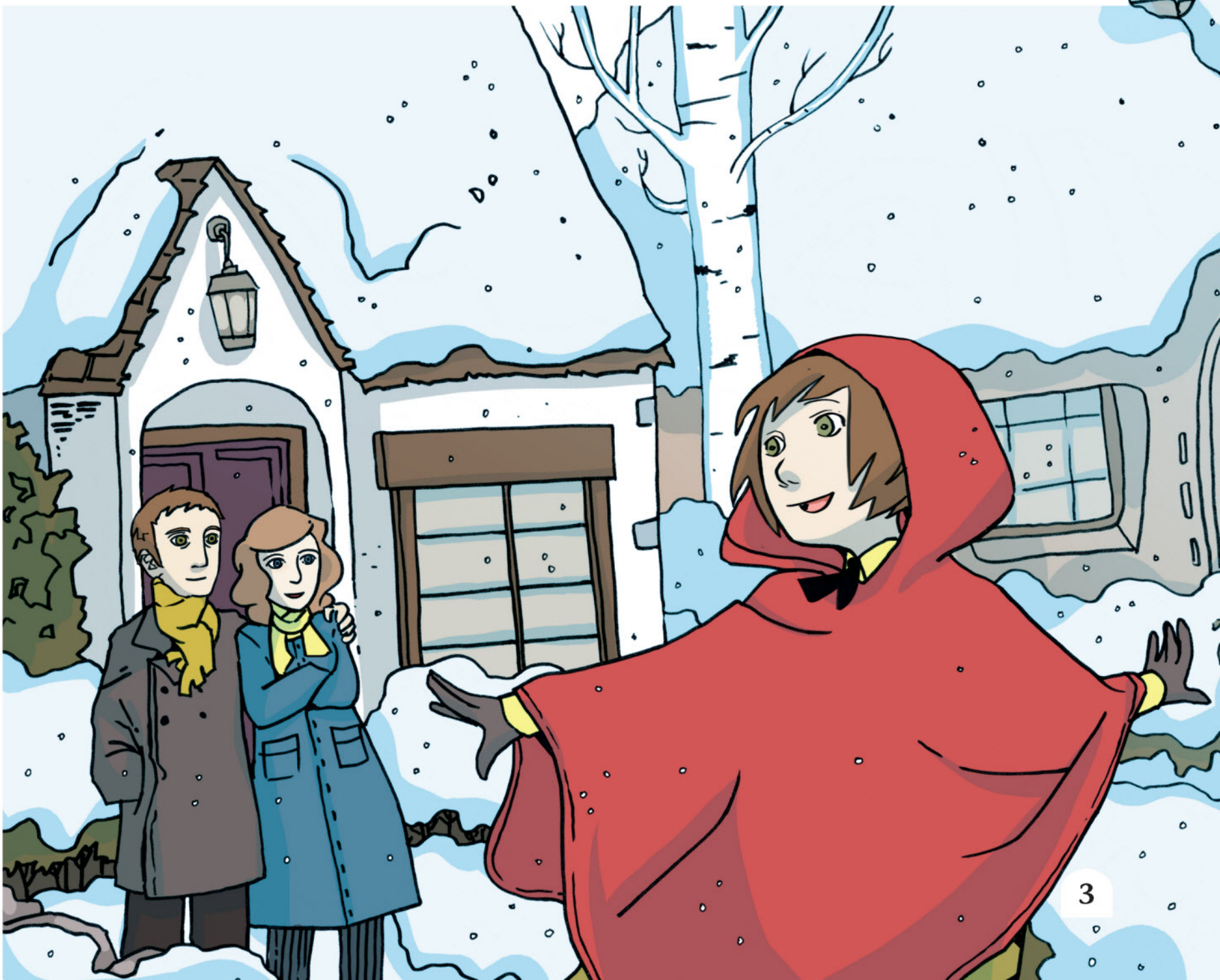
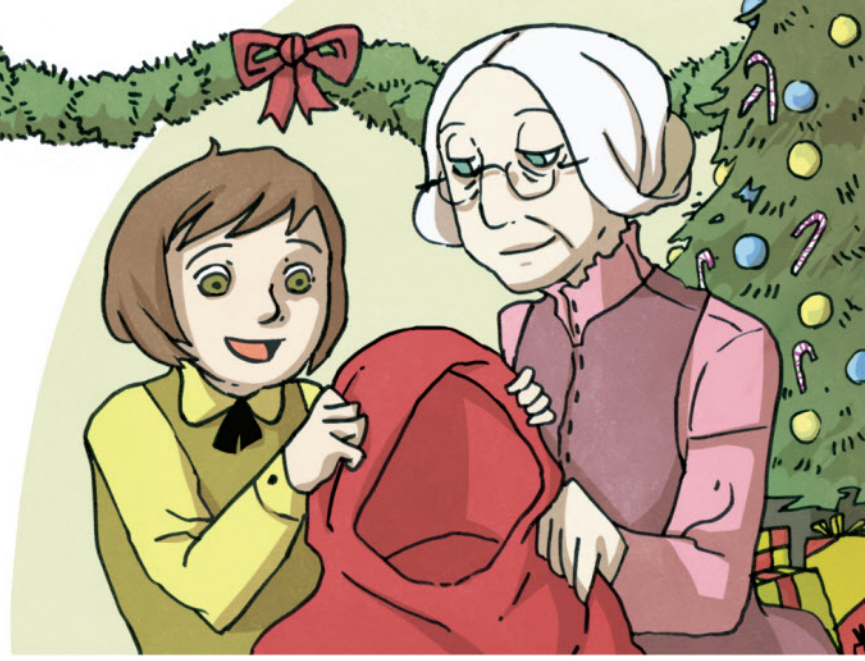
The little girl's grandma lived in a very old
house in the middle of the forest. The little
girl often went to her grandma's house.

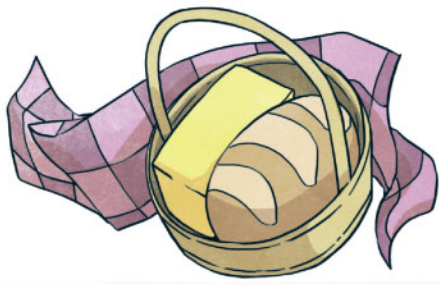


One Christmas, Grandma gave the little girl a beautiful red cloak with a hood.

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

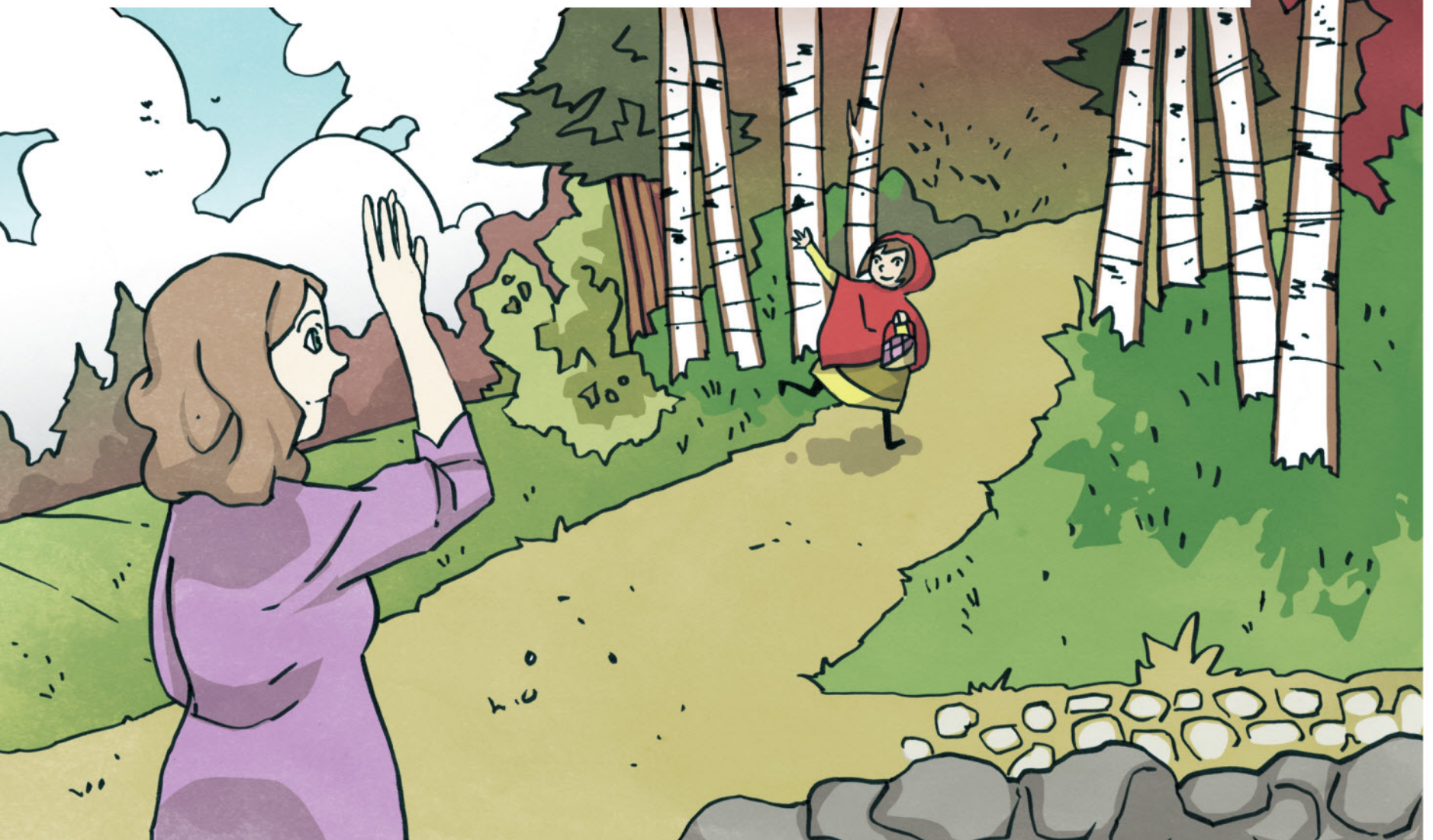
She wore the cloak all day on Christmas Day, and the next day too. She wore it all the time, so people gave her a new name. They called her ‘Little Red Riding Hood’.





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!’



A whimsical illustration of a forest path. The path is a light brown color, winding through a lush green forest. On the left, there are tall, slender trees with pink blossoms. On the right, there are more trees and a large, dense bush of purple flowers. Pink petals are falling from the trees and are scattered on the path. The sky is a soft pink color.

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. 'Zhhhhhhh!'

'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.

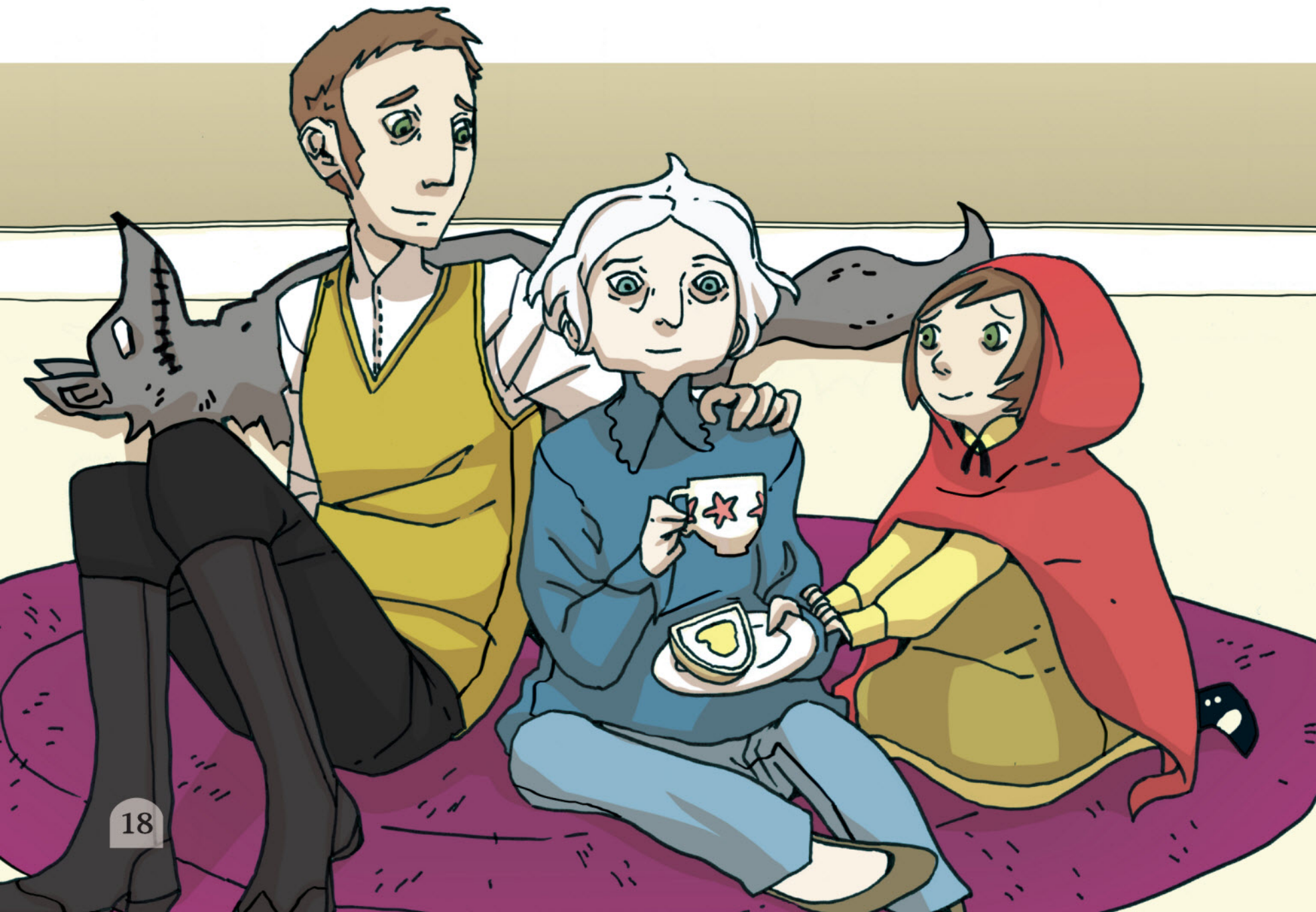
'Oh, Father! Quick! Help Grandma. She's in there, in the dark!'

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.’

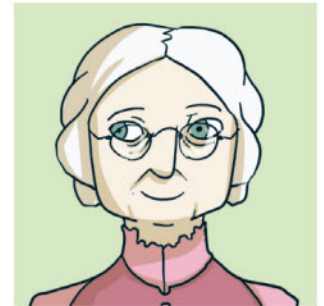
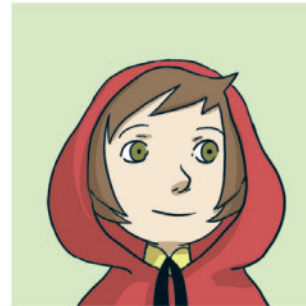
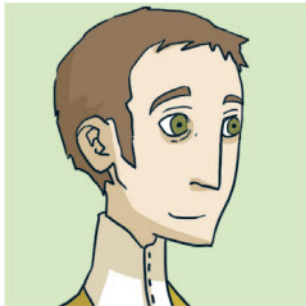
After that, Little Red Riding Hood always stayed on the road. And she never saw a wolf again.



Exercises

1 Who is speaking? Write the name for 1–4.

For number 5, what does Grandma say? Write one sentence.



1 'Little Red Riding Hood, your grandma is ill.'

Mother

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?'

5

Grandma

2 Match, then complete the sentences with the past tense.

stay run see tell go say

told ran stayed said went saw

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

'But it's all right now!' she _____.

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



3 Make sentences about the story.
Then write them in the correct order.

Little Red Riding Hood
ran to her mother and ...

The wolf jumped out
of the bed and ...

Little Red Riding Hood's
father took his knife and ...

Little Red Riding Hood
took the basket and ...

ate Little Red Riding Hood.

ran into the forest.

told her everything.

killed the wolf.

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

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

4 Write the words.



1 Grandma has got big ears.

2 She's got _____.

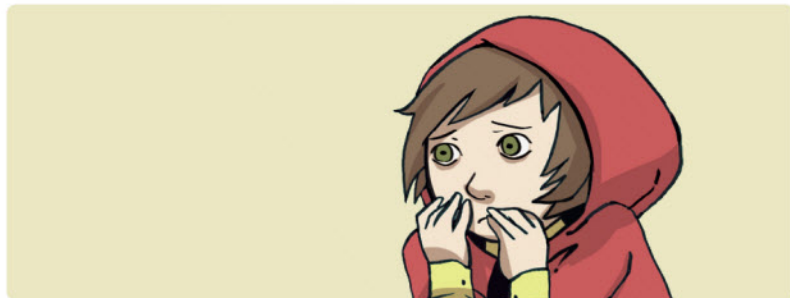
3 She's got a _____.

4 She's got _____.

5 She's got a _____.

Glossary

afraid *She is afraid.*

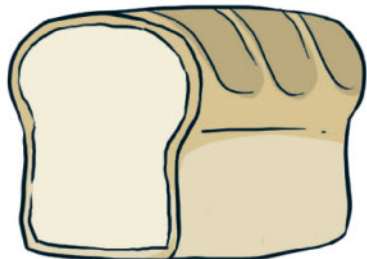


alive not dead

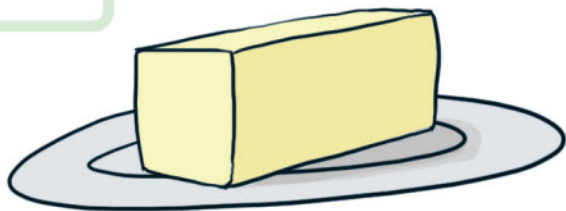
basket



bread



butter



cloak



cup



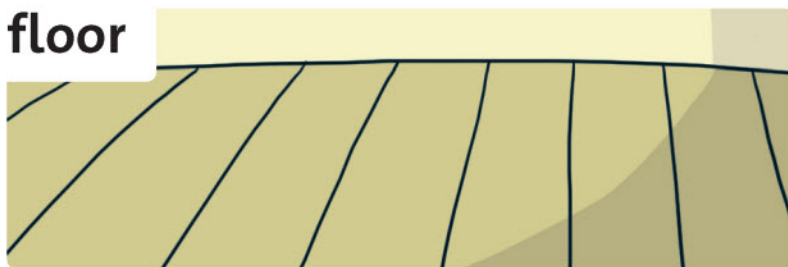
cut open



dark not light; at night the sky is dark

dead not alive; when someone / something has died

floor



forest a place with many trees

grandma the mother of your mother or father

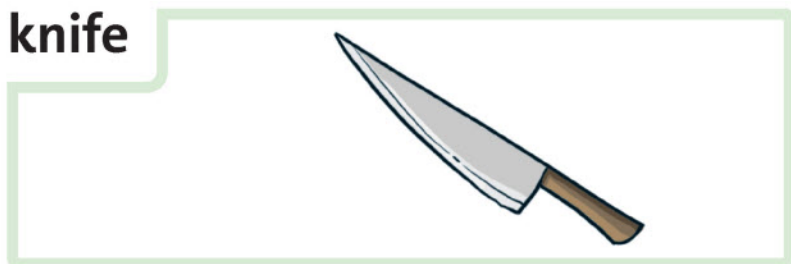
hood



ill not well

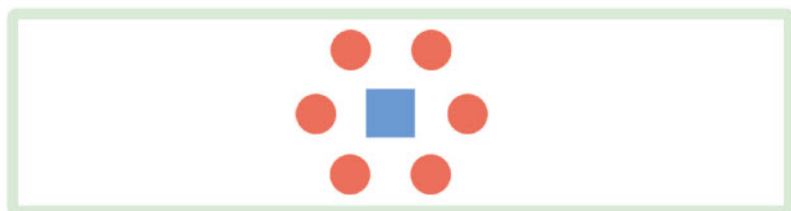
kill to make someone/
something die

knife

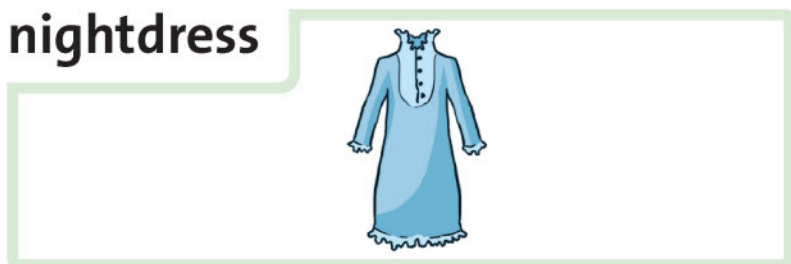


loudly making a lot of noise

middle *The box is in the middle.*



nightdress



noise a loud sound; something
you hear

road



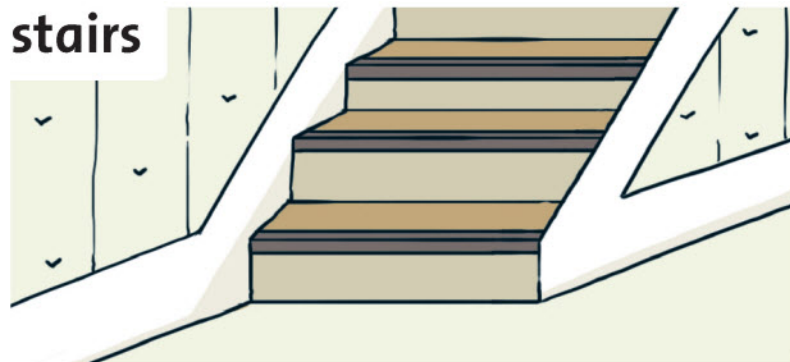
run away to leave quickly;
to escape

smell



snore to make a loud noise
when you are sleeping

stairs



strange unusual and different

tea



teeth



village a very small town in the
country

voice the sound from your
mouth when you speak or sing

wolf



wore past tense of **wear**: to
have clothes on your body

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