

Lesson #73

Peter Rabbit

Part 1: Peter Disobeys

Once upon a time, there were four little rabbits. Their names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter. They lived with their mother in a burrow under a big fir tree. Mother Rabbit had to do some shopping. She told her little bunnies to stay out of trouble.

"Do not go into Mr. McGregor's garden while I am gone!" she warned. "Mr. McGregor will turn you into rabbit stew."

Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail were good little bunnies. They went down the lane together to gather blackberries.

But Peter was very naughty. He ran straight away to Mr. McGregor's garden. He squeezed under the gate. Mr. McGregor's garden held a feast fit for a king. Peter ate lettuce and beans. He ate radishes and parsley. Peter was about to help himself to a carrot when he came face to face with Mr. McGregor! Mr. McGregor was planting cabbages. He was on his hands and knees, but he jumped up. Peter ran. Mr. McGregor grabbed his rake and ran after Peter. He waved the rake in the air over his head.

"Stop, thief!" shouted Mr. McGregor.

Peter was dreadfully afraid. He rushed to and fro all over the garden. He could not find his way back to the gate. Peter ran hither and thither. He darted every which way. Mr. McGregor chased Peter. One of Peter's shoes fell off among the cabbages. The other got lost among the potatoes. Peter ran faster without his shoes. He would have gotten away except for the shiny brass buttons on his new coat. They got caught in the gooseberry net. The net held on to Peter in his brand new jacket. Mr. McGregor came closer. Peter gave himself up for lost and shed great big salty tears.



- RL.2.1 1. In the story, underline the names of the four little rabbits.
- RL.2.1 2. Who is Mr. McGregor?
A) The story does not say.
B) the bunnies' dad
C) a man who has a garden
- L.2.4.A 3. Peter is very naughty. What does *naughty* mean?
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- RL.2.1 4. What does Peter do that is naughty?
A) He tells the other bunnies not to listen to Mother.
B) He does exactly what his mother tells him not to do.
C) He goes with the others to gather berries.
- RL.2.4 5. In the story, Peter rushes to and fro and runs hither and thither.
The underlined words let you know that Peter is _____.
A) going up and down the fence posts
B) heading directly toward home
C) running back and forth and in all directions
- RL.2.7 6. How does the illustration help you understand what is happening in the story?
A) The picture shows what a gooseberry net looks like.
B) The picture shows what happens to Peter's buttons.
C) both A and B
- L.2.5 7. Mr. McGregor's garden held a feast fit for a king.
What does this mean?
A) The garden had all the foods a rabbit likes to eat.
B) The garden had fancy hallways and carpet.
C) both A and B