



LITTLE RED IN RIDING HOOD

1 Once upon a time in a modest suburban house there lived a little girl and her parents. As hard as they tried, the little girl's parents could not get her to do as she was told. They often had to bribe her with treats so she would do the smallest thing. She also had a fiery temper and earned the nickname "Little Red".

2 One particular day her mother asked her to go and visit her grandmother. She lived a couple of kilometres away in a suburb called

Riding Hood. Riding Hood was on the other side of the pine plantation and the quickest route was through the pines.

3 After complaining for half an hour, Little Red took a frozen cheesecake from her mother and set off through the plantation. Closer to her grandmother's house she came across a wolf. Having never seen a wolf in the pines before, she thought that it must have escaped from the zoo. Dollar signs flashed before her

eyes and she wondered if she would get a reward for alerting the authorities as to its whereabouts.

4 She called the zoo on her mobile phone and was informed that a wolf had indeed escaped. They asked if Little Red could keep an eye on the fugitive until someone came out to collect it. She agreed on the condition that she received a reward.

5 Little Red wondered how she could keep the wolf contained long enough for the authorities to arrive. Then she had an idea. As she was very close to her grandmother's house, she decided to lure the wolf to the garden shed and lock it in.

Little Red brazenly moved closer to the wolf so it could catch her scent. Then off she ran through the pine plantation with the wolf bounding after her. He was very hungry, as there wasn't much game in the pine plantation. Little Red was a fast runner, which was lucky considering what was chasing her.

6 Finally she saw her grandmother's shed and, thank goodness, the door was wide open. Little Red ran into the shed and hid behind the door. When the wolf ran in after her she quickly ducked out and slammed the door shut.

Puffed and sweaty, Little Red sat on the garden bench and rang the zoo. She explained that she had trapped the wolf at her grandmother's house and they could bring the reward to her there. The zoo people were extremely grateful and said she could expect them in about fifteen minutes.



7 Little Red went into the house looking for her grandmother and a cold drink. She went into the kitchen, put the cheesecake onto the bench and poured herself a cold glass of cordial. She wandered through the house calling for her grandmother, but her search was interrupted by the arrival of the zoo people.

She hurried outside and told them the wolf was in the shed. Then she asked for her reward. The zoo people said they would like to make sure that the wolf was okay before they handed over any reward. So Little Red sat down and waited.

8 Four zoo people approached the shed. One had a tranquillizer gun, one held a noose, one carried a big hessian sack and one, the bravest of all, opened the shed door. Funnily enough, when their eyes had adjusted to the

light they saw that the wolf was fast asleep. This was odd because wolves only ever sleep after a big meal. Just to be safe though, the zoo man with the tranquillizers injected the wolf anyway. "This will keep him quiet until we get him home," he said.

- 9 Little Red was growing impatient. She wanted her money. Once the wolf was loaded into the ute, the head of the zoo people gave Little Red her reward. When she opened the envelope she couldn't believe her eyes. "Is that it?" she said, and Little Red began to turn ... a little red.

The head of the zoo people just smiled. "We look forward to seeing you down at the zoo.

You're welcome any time. That V.I.P. pass allows unlimited free entry for you and a friend. Bring your grandmother if you like."

- 10 "Thanks for nothing," said Little Red and being reminded of her grandmother, thought she had better go and find her. She went back into the kitchen and found the cheesecake covered in ants. On the fridge she found a note in her grandmother's writing. It read:

Hello sweetie, been having a little trouble with ants so if I'm not here when you arrive I'll be looking for Ant Rid in the shed.

Love Nan

Questions

- 1 Why was the girl called "Little Red"?
- She was an only child.
 - Her parents had to bribe her.
 - She had a fiery temper.
- 2 Why did Little Red want to capture the wolf?
- to protect her grandma
 - to collect the reward
 - to be a hero
- 3 Little Red lured the wolf using
- her scent.
 - her cheesecake.
 - her temper.
- 4 Who was the bravest zoo person?
- The one with the hessian sack.
 - The one with the tranquillizer gun.
 - The one who opened the door.
- 5 Why was Little Red angry with the Zoo V.I.P. pass?
- She was expecting money.
 - She couldn't take her grandmother.
 - She didn't want to see the wolf again.
- 6 What should have been the first clue that Little Red's grandmother was inside the shed?
- Little Red couldn't find her grandmother.
 - The shed door was wide open.
 - Little Red found her grandmother's note.

Vocabulary

Find words in the text that match the meanings below. The word is in the section shown in brackets.

- A road, path or direction (2)
- An area where trees and plants are grown (3)
- A person who is on the run from the law (4)
- To be stopped or disturbed while doing a task (7)
- The opposite of patient (9)

Alphabetical Order

The following words appear in the text. When placed in alphabetical order, which one would be **first**?

- fiery, frozen, flashed, fast
- reward, riding, rang, runner
- cold, calling, came, closer
- sweaty, smallest, suburban, slammed

Back To The Text...

- 16 In which part of the library would you find this text?
- fiction
 - non-fiction
- 17 Who do you think this text is most likely written for?
- children
 - adults
- 18 What is the purpose of this text?
- To tell a story.
 - To express a point of view.

Sequencing

Look back through the card to find what happened first. Choose **a** or **b**.

- 19
 - Red grabbed a cheesecake from home.
 - Red spied a wolf.
- 20
 - Red had a cold drink in Nan's kitchen.
 - Red phoned the zoo for the second time.
- 21
 - Red received tickets to the zoo.
 - Red found ants all over the cheesecake.

Think About This

- 22 The illustration on page 2 is described in section
- six.
 - seven.
 - eight.
 - nine.
- 23 Which of the following best describes Red?
- active and stupid
 - thoughtful and spirited
 - ill-tempered and greedy

Challenge Option

Writing: In two paragraphs re-tell the traditional Red Riding Hood Tale.

