



Resource Sheet 15: Key questions for each story

1: The Tale of Peter Rabbit

- What did their mother tell the four rabbits before she went out?
- What did Peter Rabbit eat in Mr McGregor's garden?
- What happened to Peter Rabbit's clothes?
- What different places did Peter hide?
- How did Mr McGregor know he was in the tool shed?
- Which other animals did Peter meet on his adventure?
- How did Peter feel when he got home?

2: The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin

- Where did Old Brown live?
- How did the squirrels make a sail for their boat?
- How did Squirrel Nutkin behave on each visit? Can you recall any of the things that he did?
- How does Old Brown treat Squirrel Nutkin?
- Did Squirrel Nutkin learn his lesson in the end?

3: The Tailor of Gloucester

- What special occasion was the tailor busy making clothes for?
- What did the tailor leave out for the mice?
- What did Simpkin do with the mice one night?
- How did the tailor know where the mice were the next morning?
- Why did Simpkin hide the thread?
- How did the tailor feel when he couldn't finish the clothes for the mayor?
- What did the mice do for the tailor?
- Do you think Simpkin felt sorry for hiding the thread?
- How did the tailor's luck change?

4: The Tale of Two Bad Mice

- What foods were on the table in the doll's house?
- Where did the mice live?
- Why were the mice excited when they got in the doll's house?
- Why did the mice get cross before long?
- What naughty things did the mice do?
- How did the mice feel at the end of the story?
- What did they do to say sorry? Do you think they really were bad mice?

5: The Tale of Benjamin Bunny

- Why was Benjamin excited?
- What had happened to Peter Rabbit's coat and shoes?
- Where had Mr McGregor put Peter's clothes?
- How did they get into Mr McGregor's garden?
- How did the two bunnies feel when they were in the garden?
- What animal gets in their way when they want to leave?
- Who helps them get away? How did he help?

6: The Tale of Mrs Tiggywinkle

- What does Lucy lose?
- How does Lucy find her way to Mrs Tiggywinkle's house?
- What is Mrs Tiggywinkle's job?
- What items of clothing is Mrs Tiggywinkle washing and ironing? Who do they all belong to?
- Why does it say there were 'hair pins sticking wrong end out' of her apron? What were these?

7: The Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan

- How does Duchess feel when she gets the invitation?
- What is in Ribby's pie?
- What is in Duchess's pie?
- Why doesn't Duchess find Ribby's pie when she tries to swap it?
- Which pie does Duchess end up eating?
- Why does Duchess suddenly feel poorly?
- What happens to Duchess's pie in the end?

8: The Tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher

- What is it like where Jeremy lives?
- Why did Jeremy Fisher go fishing?
- What did he catch at first? What did he catch next?
- Why did Jeremy say that the last fish (the trout) caught him?
- What did he serve to his friends to eat instead of minnows?



9: The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck

- Why does Jemima go off to make her nest somewhere secret?
- Who was 'the smart gentleman' with the 'bushy tale'?
- How does he trick Jemima?
- What does the fox send Jemima off to fetch?
- What happens to the eggs Jemima lays in the shed?
- What happens to Jemima's next lot of eggs?

10: The Tale of Tom Kitten

- How did Tabitha Twitchit get the kittens ready for her friends' visit?
- Where do the kittens go next?
- What happens to the kitten's smart clothes?
- How does Tabitha punish the kittens? Do you think this is fair?

11: The Tale of Samuel Whiskers

- What is Tabitha doing at the start of the story?
- Why does Tom hide?
- Who is Samuel Whiskers?
- What did he do to Tom?
- Why is the dumpling pudding 'dirty'?
- Does the adventure make Tom braver or more afraid of rats? What about the other kittens?

12: The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies

- Where do the rabbits find the lettuces?
- What happens when they eat too many?
- What sounds are nearby when they are sleeping, that they do not hear?
- Why was Mr McGregor happy when he finds them?
- How does Thomasina Tittlemouse help?
- Why was Mr McGregor angry at the end?

13: The Tale of Ginger and Pickles

- What kinds of animals are Ginger and Pickles?
- Can you remember any of the things that they sell?
- Why were some of their customers afraid of Ginger and Pickles?
- Why don't Ginger and Pickles eat the mice and the rabbits, even though they want to?
- Why do the customers keep going to their shop? What is the problem with this?
- Why do they have to close the shop?
- Who else has shops in the story?
- What do Ginger and Pickles wish they had done? Do you think this would have worked?

14: The Tale of Mrs Tittlemouse

- What was Mrs Tittlemouse like? Can you find some words to describe her?
- Do you think she likes visitors? Why do you think this is?
- What is the problem with having bees in her house?
- Why doesn't she ask Mr Jackson to help her get rid of the bees at first?
- What kind of character is Mr Jackson?
- How does Mrs Tittlemouse celebrate the bees being gone?

15: The Tale of Mr Tod - Part one

- What kind of character is Mr Tod? Is he friendly?
- Why didn't Mr Tod like Tommy Brock?
- How does Tommy Brock kidnap the baby bunnies?
- Where does he take them?
- How do Peter and Benjamin find their way to rescue the bunnies?
- What do they see that makes them 'shudder'?
- Where is Tommy Brock sleeping?

16: The Tale of Mr Tod - Part two

Why was Mr Tod in a bad mood?

How did he know Tommy Brock was at his house?

Where were the baby bunnies when Mr Tod got home?

What does Mr Tod do to try and get rid of Tommy Brock?

How does Tommy Brock trick Mr Tod?

How do Peter and Benjamin rescue the bunnies?