

Exercises

THE SELFISH GIANT

PLOT

The Selfish Giant doesn't want children playing in his garden and so it is a desolate place of snow and ice and cold winds. When children creep in through a hole in the wall, spring comes and the giant realises his folly. He helps one little child into a tree and hopes to see him again the next day. But it is a long time before he returns, with holes in his hands and feet, to take the dying giant to heaven.

EXERCISES

1. Complete these sentences from the story of *The Selfish Giant*.

Use one word from the box in each case.

bird	boy	children	day	door	flowers
friend	garden				
giant	hand	hole	spring	tears	trees
wall	winter				

- (a) Once there was a selfish ...
- (b) He had a big ...
- (c) But he didn't want the ... to play in it.
- (d) So he built a high ... around it.
- (e) ... never came to the giant's garden.
- (f) It was always ... there.
- (g) One morning, the giant heard a little ... singing outside his window.
- (h) He looked out and saw that there was a ... in the garden wall.
- (i) – and there were children in all the
- (j) One very small ... could not climb his tree.
- (k) The giant opened the ... and went out.
- (l) The little boy's eyes were full of ...
- (m) The giant took the little boy carefully in his ... and put him in the tree.
- (n) The tree was suddenly covered with
- (o) From then on, the children played in the garden every
- (p) But the giant didn't see his first little ... again for years.

2. What happened at the end of the story?

Tell the story in pairs.

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