The Wolf’s Tale
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Pre-Reading Activities

1. Fairy Tales

What is a fairy tale?

Do you know any?

Here is a definition of “fairy tale” taken from the *Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary*: “a story about magic or fairies, usually for children”.

Is that your definition or are there any differences?

2. What are the ingredients of a good fairy tale? Complete with your ideas:

- An evil character
3. Think of “Little Red Riding Hood”. Who are the characters in the tale? Find the characters from the tale in the box and put them in the basket. Put the wrong ones in the dustbin!

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<th>a woodsman</th>
<th>a hunter</th>
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<td>a mother</td>
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<td>a wolf</td>
<td>a fireman</td>
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<td>a werewolf</td>
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<td>two wicked stepsisters</td>
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4. Do you remember the story well? Match a – f with 1 – 6 to write sentences about “Little Red Riding Hood”.

a. Little Red Riding Hood wore….
b. Her grandmother lived…
c. She was ill and needed…
d. Little Red Riding Hood’s mother told her…
e. Little Red Riding hood carried…
f. As she set out on her way through the woods, the girl met…

1. far away in the woods.
2. some care and attention.
3. a beautiful red velvet cap which her granny had given her as a gift.
4. a basket with some cakes which Little Red’s mother had baked.
5. a wicked wolf.
6. never to leave the path to avoid the dangers of the woods.

5. Now write what happened next:

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6. Now compare the ending you wrote to what your friends have written. Do you know the same ending?

7. Imagine you were interviewing Little Red Riding Hood, Granny and the woodsman at the end of the story. What would they say about the wolf?