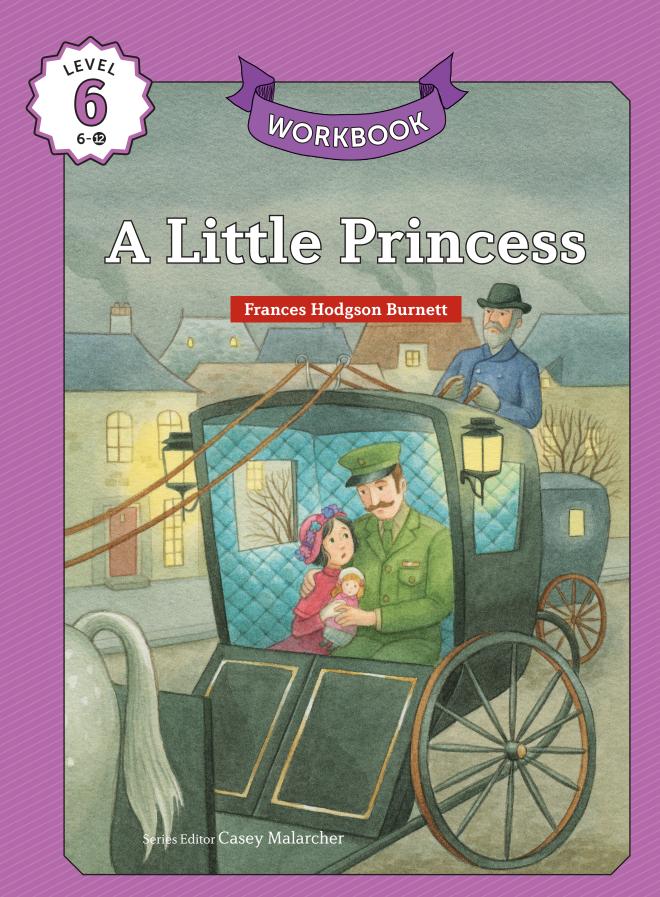
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# **Reading Activities**

# [Chapter 1] Sara

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think this chapter will be about?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 8. What do you think is happening?
- 3 How do you think the young girl is feeling?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Where did Sara live before she moved to London?

- a. China
- b. America
- c. India

B. Put a check 🖊 next to the facts about Sara.		
family name is Crewe	mother is dead	
8 years old	is very close to her father	
used to live in India	going to a private school	
traveled to London by car	has an Italian maid	
father is a captain	has a new doll	

# [ Chapter 2 ] Life at the Private School

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Sara will like going to private school? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 11. Where do you think the girls are?
- 3 What do you think the lady at the front of the class is doing?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

What does Lavinia already think about Sara?

- a. That she wears ugly clothes
- b. That she is spoiled
- c. That she cannot speak French
- **B.** Write the information in the right place.

<ul><li>★ respectable-looking</li><li>★ very polite</li></ul>	<ul><li>★ can speak French</li><li>★ has cold eyes</li></ul>
Sara	Miss Minchin

### [Chapter 3] Friends

#### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Sara will have trouble making friends at school? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 14. How do you think Sara is making the little girl feel?
- 3 In this chapter, we find out that Sara loves telling stories. What kinds of stories do you think she tells?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Where did Sara's father's friend find diamond mines?

- a. On his land in Africa
- b. Near his home in France
- c. Beside the private school in London

**B.** Match the characters with their descriptions.

**1.** Ermengarde • 14 years old; a maid at the school

2. Lottietold stories about beautiful things

3. Beckywas not smart; was very kind

**4.** Lavinia • didn't like Sara at all

**5.** Sara • a little girl; her mother died

# [Chapter 4] The News

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, Sara gets some bad news. What do you think it could be about?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 18. What do you think has happened to Sara?
- 3 How do you think Sara is feeling?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

How old did Sara turn on her birthday?

- a. Nine
- b. Ten
- c. Eleven

#### **B.** Write T for True or F for False.

1.	A letter arrived for Sara a few weeks before her birthday.	
2.	There were problems with Sara's father's diamond mines.	
3.	For Sara's birthday, there were balloons and a small cake.	
4.	Sara got games and a beautiful dress for her birthday.	
<b>5.</b>	Miss Minchin received news that the diamond mines failed.	
6.	Captain Crewe died a few years after the business failed.	
<b>7.</b>	Miss Minchin decided to keep Sara at the school as a maid.	
8.	The cook and the older maids were mean to Sara.	

### [ Chapter 5 ] Strength in Hard Times

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who or what do you think will help Sara during her hard times?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 20. What do you think Sara is telling the other girls?
- 3 In this chapter, Sara's friends help her. How do you think they do this?

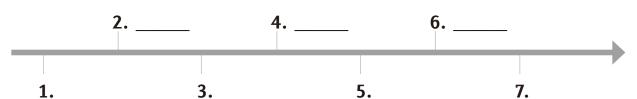
#### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

What did Sara pretend to be during her difficult time?

- a. A secret messenger
- b. A princess
- c. A spy
- **B.** Put the information in the right place.
  - a. pretends to be a princess
  - c. feeds the animals bread
  - e. says that the birds are her friends
  - g. sees someone moving in next door
- b. gets support from her friends
- d. talks about Melchizedek
- f. stays calm when she is getting yelled at

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### [ Chapter 6 ] The New Neighbor

#### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Sara will get to know the new neighbor? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 23. Who do you think the man is?
- 3 Where do you think the man is from?

#### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Who is Ram Dass?

- a. Mr. Carrisford's lawyer
- b. Mr. Carrisford's monkey
- c. Mr. Carrisford's Indian servant
- **B.** Put the information in the right place.
  - 1. First, \_\_\_\_ 2. Next, \_\_\_ 3. After that, \_\_\_ 4. In the end, \_\_\_
  - a. Sara saw Mr. Carrisford from the skylight sometimes.
  - b. the servant, Ram Dass, told Mr. Carrisford about Sara.
  - c. Sara was surprised to see an Indian servant holding a monkey.
  - d. the monkey escaped into Sara's room, but she caught it with the help of the servant.

### [Chapter 7] Magic

### **Before You Read**

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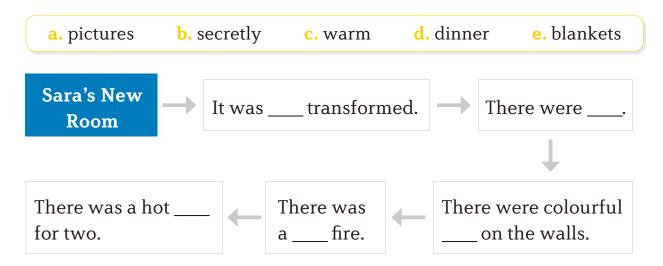
- 1 In this chapter, Sara gets a wonderful surprise. What do you think it might be?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 26. What does Sara's room look like now?
- 3 Does Sara look surprised? Why or why not?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

What did Sara buy with her coin from the Carmichael boy?

- a. Hot bread
- b. A cup of hot tea
- c. A hot dinner
- **B.** Put the information in the right place.



### [ Chapter 8 ] It's the Child!

#### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, Sara finally meets Mr. Carrisford. Do you think they will become friends? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 29. Who do you think the men are?
- 3 Why do you think the men look so excited?

#### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Who had been looking for Sara?

- a. Mr. Carrisford and Mr. Carmichael
- b. The lascar, Ram Dass
- c. Mr. Carrisford's children
- **B.** Write the information in the right sentence.

diamond / very rich father / two years
Mr. Carrisford / good companions

Mr. Carrisford knew Sara's \_\_\_\_\_\_ and had been looking for her for \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ mines had not failed. Sara was a \_\_\_\_\_ girl.

Sara went to live with \_\_\_\_\_ and they became \_\_\_\_\_.