

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

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2. Once upon a time there was a little girl who was so kind that everyone loved her but it was her Granny who loved her most. Granny once gave her a bright red bonnet that the little girl always wore and therefore she was called Red Riding Hood.

3. Red Hiding Hood lived with her mother and father in the village...

4. ...and Granny lived in a pretty little cottage in the forest.

5. One day mother said: — Come, my little girl! Here is a basket with cakes and a bottle of wine, take it to Granny. She is old and sick, that will help her get well.

6. — You had better set off at once before it gets too hot. And be careful, don't talk to anyone on the way! — Don't worry, Mummy, I'll take care — the little girl replied.

7. Little Red Riding Hood took the basket hanging it on her arm and set off. She crossed a meadow and arrived into the forest...

8. As she walked on the forest path, she came upon a wolf. — Good morning, little Red Riding Hood! — he said. — Good morning, dear wolf — the little girl replied cheerfully.

9. — Where are you off to so early? — the wolf asked in a sly voice. — To see my Granny. — What have you got in that basket? — Cakes and some wine.

10. They walked on for a while when suddenly the wolf cried: — Look at these lovely wild-flowers! Aren't you taking your Granny a bunch of flowers?

11. — The wolf is right — little Red Riding Hood thought and she began to pick wild-flowers. The wolf waited until the little girl disappeared in the forest...

12. ... And ran off in the direction of Granny's cottage. He knocked at the door. — It's me, Red Riding Hood. Please, open the door — the wolf whispered. — Just come in — said Granny.

13. She did not have time to say much more because the wicked wolf slipped in, jumped to the bed and ate her up.

14. Then the wolf got into Grandmother's nightgown and bonnet and took her place in the bed.

15. Little Red Riding Hood hurried to Granny's house with an enormous bunch of flowers in her hand. — Granny — she shouted. — It's me, Red Riding Hood! — She was surprised to find the door wide-open.

16. She entered but inside, too, everything was different. She cried loudly: — Good morning, Granny! — She heard a faint groan from the bed.

17. Poor "Granny" was there in the bed, well wrapped up. — Why, Granny, what big ears you've got! — All the better to hear you with! — whispered "Granny" who seemed to have a very bad cold.

18. — Why, Granny, your eyes are so big! — All the better to see you with, my dear.

19. — And what big hands you have got! And what dreadfully big mouth you have got! — All the better to catch and eat you with! — the wolf growled...

20. ...and swallowed poor little Red Riding Hood. Then he went back to bed and fell asleep.

21. He began to snore so loudly that the window clattered. The hunter was just passing by. — What an awful snoring — he thought. — Maybe something is wrong with the old lady?

22. He entered the room, went to the bed and saw the wolf. — There you are, you old brute! — he exclaimed. — There you are at last.

23. He didn't shoot but took the scissors from the drawer and cut open the belly of the wolf.

24. That is how the hunter saved Granny and little Red Riding Hood. The little girl sighed: — Oh, my, I was so scared! There was very dark in the wolf's belly.

25. They brought stones, put them into the belly of the wolf and then stitched it up.

26. When the wolf woke up he went to drink some water at the stream. The heavy stones dragged him down and he was drowned.

27. They had a fine dinner.

28. Little Red Riding Hood set off home and said to herself: — Next time I'll go straight to Granny and won't talk to anyone as mother told me. And that is the end of the fairy tale.

29. THE END

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