

The Secret Garden

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What does Colin experience in the garden that changes 'I want to get well' into 'I shall get well'?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Colin enters the garden
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter XX · I Shall Live Forever—And Ever—And Ever!
START	“This is where the robin flew over the wall,” she said.
END	“I shall get well! I shall get well!” he cried out. “Mary! Dickon! I shall get well! And I shall live forever and ever and ever!”
PASSAGE ID	sec-sg-03

THE MOVE

Track how sensory evidence changes a character's belief about himself

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Colin enters the garden wanting to get well, but sensory experience—sun, air, color, movement, and the sight of living things—changes desire into conviction. His new belief is built from what his body encounters, not from someone arguing with him.

MARK

Circle the sensory details Colin experiences in the garden—what he sees, feels, hears, or smells. Underline the places where his language about recovery changes. Star the first moment 'want' becomes certainty.

NOTICE

- What can Colin experience in the garden that he could not experience from his bed?
- Which physical or sensory detail seems to affect his belief most strongly?
- Why is 'I shall get well' different from simply hoping or obeying encouragement?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does Colin experience in the garden that changes 'I want to get well' into 'I shall get well'? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does Colin experience in the garden that changes 'I want to get well' into 'I shall get well'? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Colin's belief changes because the garden supplies physical evidence—sun, air, color, movement, and bodily sensation—that contradicts his identity as a permanently sick child. Experience turns recovery from wish into expectation.
EVIDENCE	Use at least two sensory or physical experiences and connect them to the shift from 'want' to 'shall.'
WATCH FOR	Do not say positive thinking alone cures Colin. The passage ties belief change to what his body encounters.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Circle the sensory details Colin experiences in the garden—what he sees, feels, hears, or smells. Underline the places where his language about recovery changes. Star the first moment 'want' becomes certainty.
2. NOTICE - What can Colin experience in the garden that he could not experience from his bed? Which physical or sensory detail seems to affect his belief most strongly? Why is 'I shall get well' different from simply hoping or obeying encouragement?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does Colin experience in the garden that changes 'I want to get well' into 'I shall get well'?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.