

Read the story and answer the questions in full sentences.

### The Selfish Giant

Every afternoon the children played in the Giant's garden. It was a lovely large garden with soft green grass and beautiful flowers. The trees were full of birds that sang sweetly.

One day the Giant came back. He had been away for many years. When he arrived he saw the children playing in the garden. "What are you doing?" he shouted furiously and the children ran away. "This is my garden" said the Giant. "I won't let anyone but me play here." He built a high wall around the garden and put up a sign.

#### **KEEP OUT!**

He was a very selfish Giant.

The poor children had nowhere to play. They stared up at the wall and talked about the beautiful garden inside. Then spring came and flowers bloomed all over the country. Only in the garden of the Selfish Giant it was still winter. The birds didn't want to sing in the garden as there were no children and the trees forgot to blossom.

"I don't understand why spring hasn't come" said the Selfish Giant as he looked out at his cold white garden. "I hope there will be a change in the weather."

But spring never came and neither did summer or autumn.

One morning the Giant heard some lovely music. It was a small bird singing outside his window. Then the snow stopped falling and the wind stopped roaring. "I think spring has finally come" said the Giant as he peered out of the window.

What did he see?

He saw a wonderful sight. The children had crept into the garden and they were sitting in the branches of the trees. The trees were so glad to have the children back that they had covered themselves with blossom. Birds were twittering with delight and the flowers were in full bloom.

# Questions.

1. Find and copy two adjectives that describe the grass in the Giant's garden.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long had the Giant been away?

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3. Why did the Giant put up a sign by his garden?

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4. Why didn't the birds want to sing in the 'winter' garden?

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5. Why do you think the Giant is described as **selfish**?

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6. Why do you think the bird started singing outside the Giant's window?

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7. Write two things that made it a 'wonderful sight'.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Using information from the text tick **one** box in each row to show whether each statement is true or false.

	true	false
The Giant has a large garden.		
The Giant built a tall fence around his garden.		
The music the Giant heard came from a recorder.		
In the winter garden it was cold and white.		

What does the Giant's garden look like at the end of the story?  
Draw it here.

