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WORKSHEET - CONTEXT CLUES

Below is the opening of Francis Hogsdon Burnett's classic story "*twg*."

The book tells of the adventures of Mary Lennox. After Mary's parents die, she is sent to live with her uncle. There Mary uncovers mysteries, makes friends, and finds the importance of nature. You can read the rest of this book [here](#).

EXCERPT: THE SECRET GARDEN

When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most **disagreeable-looking** child ever seen. It was true, too. She had a little thin face and a little thin body, thin light hair and a sour **expression**. Her hair was yellow, and her face was yellow because she had been born in India and had always been ill in one way or another.

Her father had held a **position** under the English Government and had always been busy and **ill** himself, and her mother had been a great beauty who cared only to go to parties and **amuse** herself with gay people. She had not wanted a little girl at all, and when Mary was born she **handed** her over to the care of an **Ayah**.

She never remembered seeing **familiarly** anything but the faces of her Ayah and the other **native servants**. They always **obeyed** her and gave her her own way in everything. By the time she was six years old she was as **tyrannical** and **selfish** a little pig as ever lived.

The young English **governess** who came to teach her to read and write dislike her so much that she give up her place in three months. When other governesses came, they

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always went away in a shorter time than the first one. So if Mary had not chosen to want to know how to read books, she would never have learned her letters at all.

Exercise

1. Match the word which has the same meaning as the word or phrase below. Drag and drop the words. Use the words in the text to understand the meaning.

SORT ELEMENTS

Greedy	teacher	ugly	bossy	look	local	nurse
Friendly	job	entertain	sick	gave	maids	

disagreeable-looking

expression

position

ill

amuse

handed

Ayah

familiarly

native

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tyrannical

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governess