

PBS Lesson Series

ELA, Grade 3, Lesson 13

Teacher Packet

In The Tale of Peter Rabbit, how does the author use illustrations to show what is happening and create mood in the text?

The Tale of Peter Rabbit

By|

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In this lesson you will learn how an author uses illustrations to help tell the story by looking at and thinking about each picture.

The mood of a story is how it makes you feel.



Happy



Angry



Sad

Illustrations are more than just pictures on the page.

wet puddles







This illustration shows _____.

This makes me feel _____.

This illustration shows Peter
squeezing under the fence to get
into Mr. McGregor's garden.
This makes me feel angry
because he did not listen to his
mom.



This illustration shows an angry Mr. McGregor chasing Peter with the rake.

This makes me feels scared because Mr. McGregor might catch Peter and have him put in a pie!





This illustration shows Peter crying as
he is trying to find a way out of Mr.
McGregor's garden.

This makes me feel sad because I do
not like to see Peter upset, scared,
and crying.

1. Go back to the text and look carefully at the illustrations.
2. Ask yourself, “What is happening and how does it make me feel?”
3. Write: This illustration shows _____ and makes me feel _____.

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