

STUDY GUIDE

The Velveteen Rabbit

Adapted by **Burgess Clark**
from the original book by
Margery Williams Bianco

TEACHER RESOURCES

The Velveteen Rabbit and this Study Guide are produced in support of the teaching of Language Arts: Literary Classic, History, Music, Puppets, and Dramatic Arts

AT THE LIBRARY

The Velveteen Rabbit
by Margery Williams Bianco

Winterbound
by Margery Williams Bianco
(Newberry Honor book, 1937)

The Skin Horse
by Margery Williams Bianco

Forward, Commandos!
by Margery Williams Bianco

ON THE WEB

Wikipedia
[http://en.wikipedia.org/
wiki/Margery_Williams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margery_Williams)

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT



Illustration by Robert Meganck

PLAY SYNOPSIS

This fanciful musical production adapted from the classic story centers around a boy and his love for his favorite toy, a rabbit covered with velveteen and stuffed with sawdust. Although the rabbit is not modern and mechanical, the boy loves the rabbit more than anything and takes the rabbit everywhere. After the boy recovers from scarlet fever, the family must get rid of the contaminated rabbit. As the rabbit awaits his fate, a magical fairy blooms from a flower and turns the beloved plaything into a real, live rabbit showing us the power and magic of unconditional love.

**“When a child loves you for a long time, not just to play with -
but REALLY loves you - then you become real.”**

- The Skin Horse

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WORDS FROM THE PLAY

velveteen
 nursery
 internal
 scarlet fever
 bracken

Working with a partner and a dictionary, use a word from above to complete each sentence. Use context clues to help you!

1. The room where the boy slept and played was called his _____.
2. When the boy got sick, the doctor said he had _____.
3. The rabbit had no _____ parts. He was stuffed with sawdust and covered in _____.
4. When the boy played outside with the rabbit, he put him among the _____ to make him comfortable.

Use a dictionary to look up the words to the left. For each, write the part of speech and a short definition.

velveteen _____

nursery _____

internal _____

scarlet fever _____

bracken _____

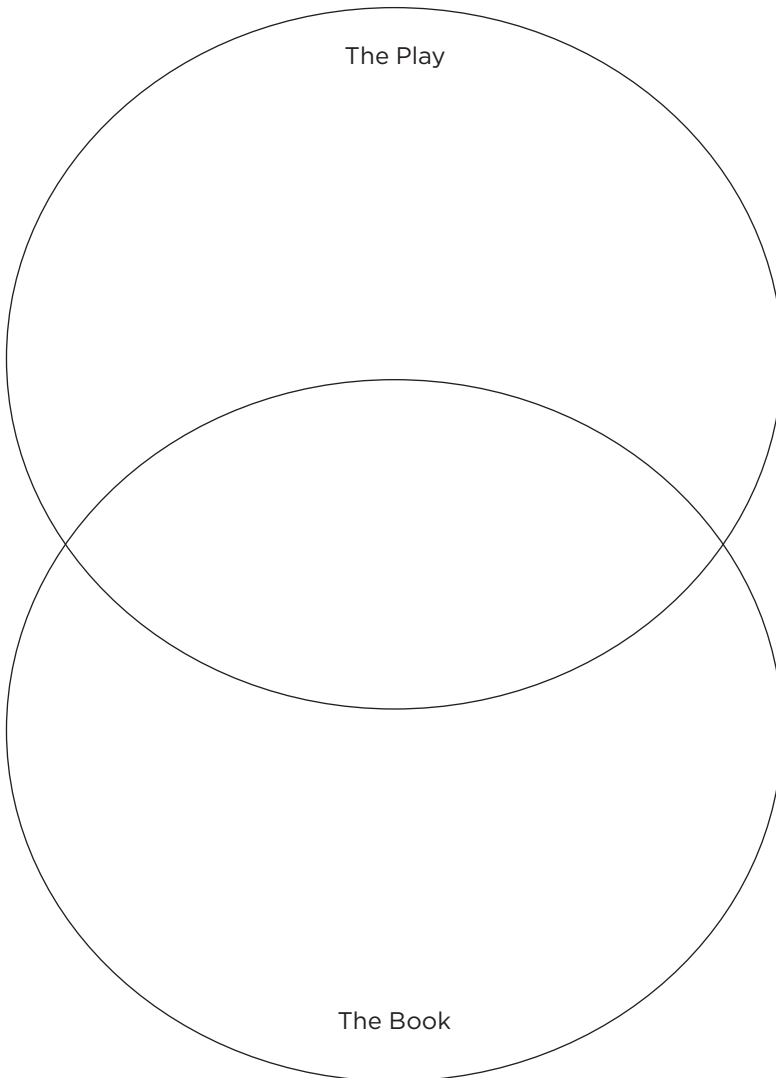


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COMPARING THE BOOK AND PLAY

Read *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams Bianco. Compare the book and the play. In what ways are the characters, setting, and plot alike? In what ways are they different?



WHAT DID YOU NOTICE?

1. In what ways was the play different from the book? Why do you think different authors or playwrights choose to tell different versions?

2. Who is your favorite character?

3. If you were to write your own version of the story, what kinds of characters, settings, or events would you include that might be different than both of these?

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MAKE A BOOK!

1. Illustrate each event from the story on the “book pages” below.
2. Cut and sequence the pages to create a book.
3. Number the pages in your book.
4. Add a book cover with an illustration, and staple the book pages together.

<div data-bbox="516 606 565 657" style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p data-bbox="203 1161 496 1220">The boy gets sick with scarlet fever.</p>	<div data-bbox="979 606 1027 657" style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p data-bbox="612 1161 1011 1220">The boy gets a rabbit made of velveteen for Christmas.</p>	<div data-bbox="1443 606 1492 657" style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p data-bbox="1066 1161 1479 1220">Nana must get rid of the rabbit after the boy gets well again.</p>
<div data-bbox="516 1266 565 1316" style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p data-bbox="154 1818 548 1877">The boy forgets and leaves his toy rabbit out in the garden.</p>	<div data-bbox="979 1266 1027 1316" style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p data-bbox="656 1818 969 1877">The boy’s favorite toy is Skippy, a china dog.</p>	<div data-bbox="1443 1266 1492 1316" style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p data-bbox="1115 1818 1429 1877">The rabbit becomes the boy’s favorite toy.</p>

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EASY VERSION

In the box below, draw a picture about an experience from the play that you enjoyed!



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WORD SEARCH

Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words in the box below.

B	R	A	C	K	E	N	N	N	Q	O	Z	G	D	B
Y	M	Z	Q	Z	C	W	E	U	L	N	L	F	P	A
N	N	O	E	I	M	E	S	R	R	O	T	C	O	D
N	R	C	G	L	T	E	A	R	W	S	M	J	F	C
U	M	A	O	E	O	S	W	K	L	X	E	A	B	S
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P	E	S	F	K	R	E	L	F	W	N	B	G	Z	C
T	I	S	I	E	J	A	Y	V	J	F	R	A	F	S
F	A	I	R	Y	V	L	C	V	M	T	P	O	R	Y
X	S	Q	P	N	K	E	A	G	K	M	D	D	H	P
U	K	X	Q	D	G	B	R	H	W	A	A	X	W	S
C	N	X	Q	Q	C	O	K	D	K	S	E	O	M	W

WORD BANK

BRACKEN

BUNNY

DOCTOR

FAIRY

FEVER

LOVE

MAGIC

NURSERY

RABBIT

REAL

SAWDUST

SCARLET

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WORD PROBLEMS

Kindergarten

1. There are 3 red marbles and 3 green marbles on the table. How many marbles are on the table?
2. There are 4 small bunnies and 3 big bunnies. How many bunnies are there total?



Grade 1

1. The second recess in school is at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, which is 2 hours after the first recess. When is the first recess?
2. Grade 2 classes were going for a museum visit on Tuesday. They left the school at 10 o'clock in the morning and took an hour to ride the bus there. Then, they stayed in the museum for 2 hours and rode on the bus for another hour to come back to school. At what time did they arrive back at school?

Grade 2

It's harvest time on the farm.

1. There are 5 tomatoes but $\frac{2}{5}$ of them are rotten. Farmer throws out the rotten tomatoes and puts the rest in her basket. Cross out the rotten tomatoes.



2. There are 6 zucchinis but $\frac{4}{6}$ of them are rotten. Farmer throws out the rotten zucchinis and puts the rest in her basket. Cross out the rotten zucchinis.



Grade 3

A boy has a lot of art materials. He needs to organize all these materials into containers.

1. He counted his crayons and found out that he has 80 crayons which he will place in crayon boxes. Every crayon box can contain 8 crayons. How many crayon boxes does he need?
2. 3 piles of clean white papers were stacked in the corner of his room. He decided to place these papers in paper envelopes which can hold 10 papers each. How many paper envelopes does he need if he has 120 clean white papers?

Grade 4

1. The train was scheduled to arrive at 5:10 p.m. However, it was delayed for 25 minutes. What time was it when the train arrived?
2. The bus departs the bus terminal every 2 hours. If the first bus is scheduled to depart at 10:35 a.m., when should the second bus depart?

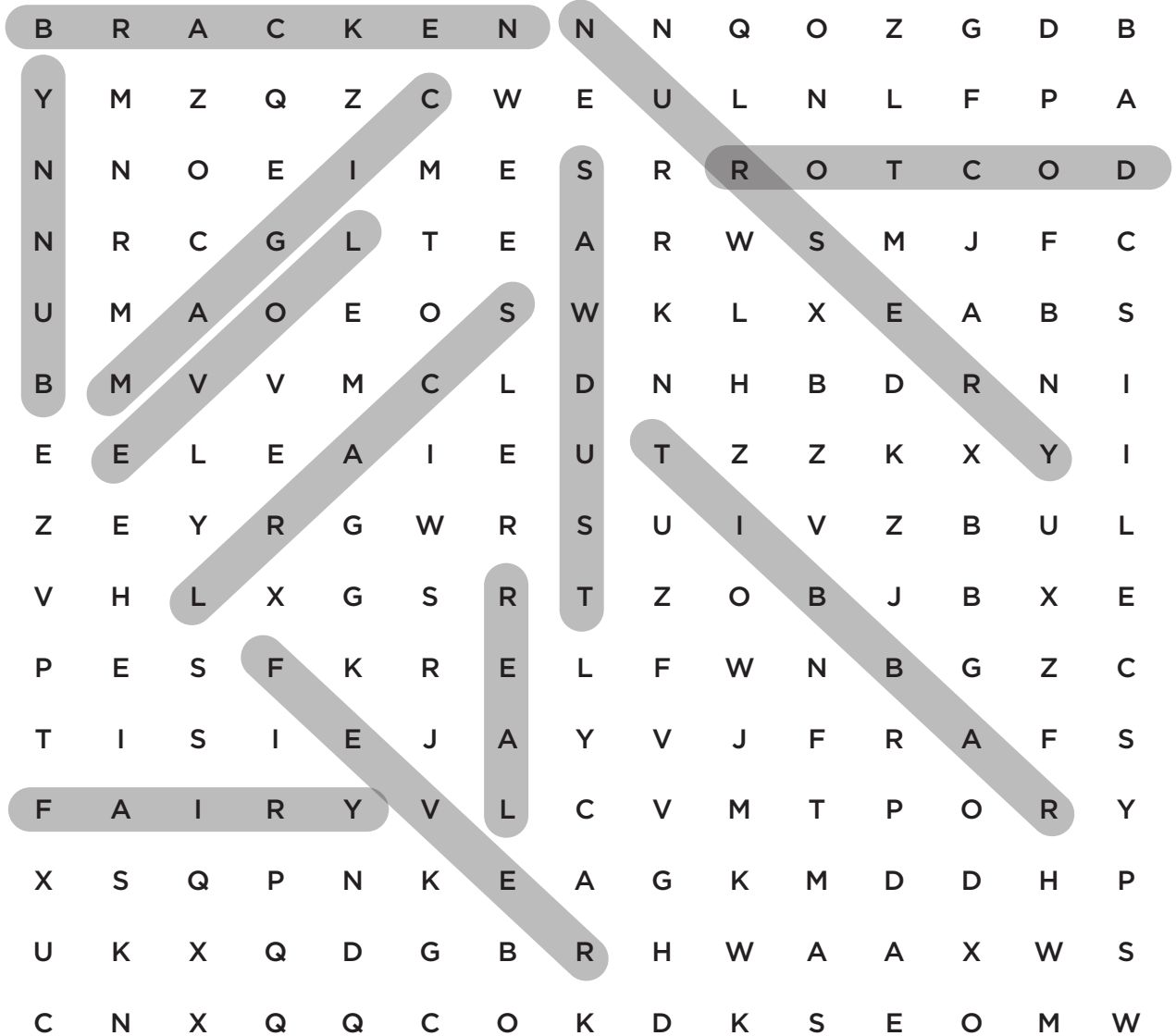
Grade 5

Ashlee is making cookies for a holiday party.

1. Each batch of cookies mix need 0.4 cups of sugar and each batch can make 16 cookies. If Ashley is making 4 batches of cookies, how much sugar does she need?
2. Ashley found 2 boxes of sugar in the kitchen. The green box says 1.26 kg and the red box says 1.026 kg. Which box contains more sugar?

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WORD SEARCH ANSWER



WORD PROBLEMS

Kindergarten

1. 6 marbles
2. 7 bunnies

Grade 1

1. 11:00am
2. 2:00pm

Grade 2

1. 2 tomatoes crossed out, 3 remaining
2. 4 zucchini crossed out, 2 remaining

Grade 3

1. 10 boxes
2. 12 envelopes

Grade 4

1. 5:35pm
2. 12:35pm

Grade 5

1. 1.6 cups
2. 1.26 kg contains more

Cues at the Theatre

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