

Culture note

Oscar Wilde was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1854. He wrote short stories, a novel and plays for adults, and fairy tales for children. He is famous for his clever sayings and for his wit. Wilde's most famous children's stories are *The Happy Prince* and *The Selfish Giant*. They are both sad with Christian themes, although much of his writing for adults was lighthearted and funny.

Teaching note

The version of *The Selfish Giant* in the MORE! 8^e Student's Book has been carefully graded to A1.2 level for students completing two years of English in Primary school. Encourage your students to read it for enjoyment, to follow the story and not to try and understand every word. Stronger students could read the story at any point during the year, while weaker students should read it at the end of the year. These PDF worksheets are designed to support and enhance their reading experience.

Before reading

- This prediction activity: activates relevant language; activates students' world knowledge connected to the story (schema); is motivating and involving.
- Students use the title and the illustrations to guess what the story is about.
- Students look quickly at the title and pictures and mark and discuss their guesses.

Jumbled story

- In this activity, students read and put summary sentences in order to summarise the story.
- They can work on their own, in pairs or in groups.

Character file

- Students focus on the central character, the Giant, and complete the graphic organiser to explore his personality and how it develops throughout the story.

Story words

- This worksheet contains the new key words from the story. Students find the words in the story, check their meaning in context and using the story illustrations and draw pictures to show the meaning.

Look at the title and the pictures. What do you think?
Read and tick (✓).



The Selfish Giant

by Oscar Wilde

1 Which characters are in the story?

a monster

a giant

a witch

a bird

a duck

an owl

school children

animals

pets

a little boy

a little girl

a baby

2 Where does the story happen?

in a park

in a garden

at school

3 When does it happen?

in spring

in summer

in autumn

in winter

4 The ending is ...

happy

sad

happy and sad

5 Think of a story you know with a giant. Write words and phrases to describe the giant.

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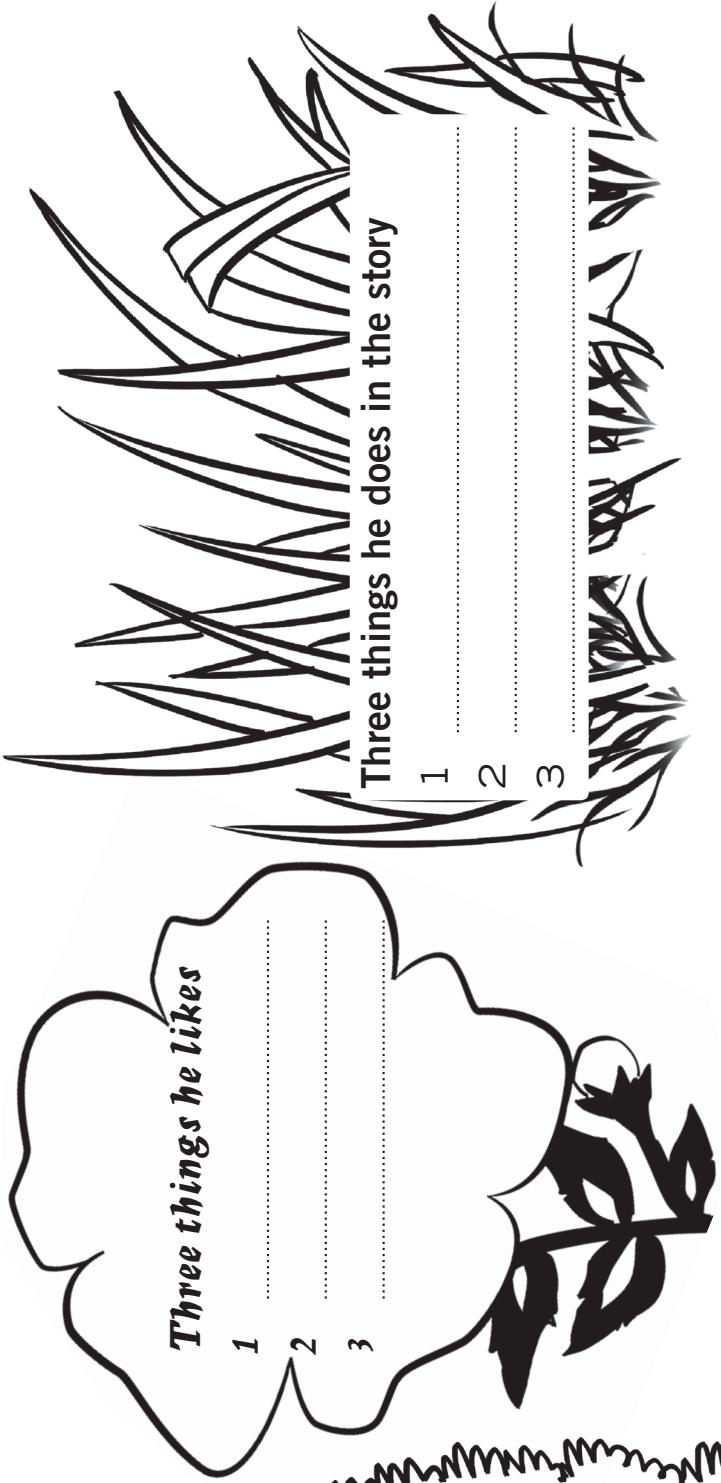
- A The Giant sees some children in his garden. They are sitting in the trees.
- B Now there are flowers in the tree in the corner and the birds are singing. The little boy kisses the Giant.
- C Every day some children play in a beautiful garden. It's the Giant's garden.
- D The children are sad that they can't play in the garden.
- E But in one corner of the garden it's winter. There's a little boy and he can't climb the tree.
- F That afternoon the children find the Giant under the tree. He's dead.
- G One day the Giant comes back from holiday. He sees the children in his garden.
- H One day the Giant hears a bird in his garden. It's singing. He looks out of the window.
- I The children play in the Giant's garden every day for years and years, but the Giant never sees the little boy again.
- J He's angry that the children are in his garden. He tells them to go away.
- K One winter morning the old Giant sees the little boy in his garden. He goes to him.
- L The Giant goes into the garden, he picks up the boy and he puts him in the tree.
- M The Giant tells all the children that they can play in his garden. They are all happy. But the Giant is sad that he can't see the little boy.
- N The trees are happy because the children are there again. The birds are singing and there are lots of flowers.
- O It's always winter and there are no flowers or birds in the Giant's garden. The Giant doesn't understand why.



Character file

THE GIANT

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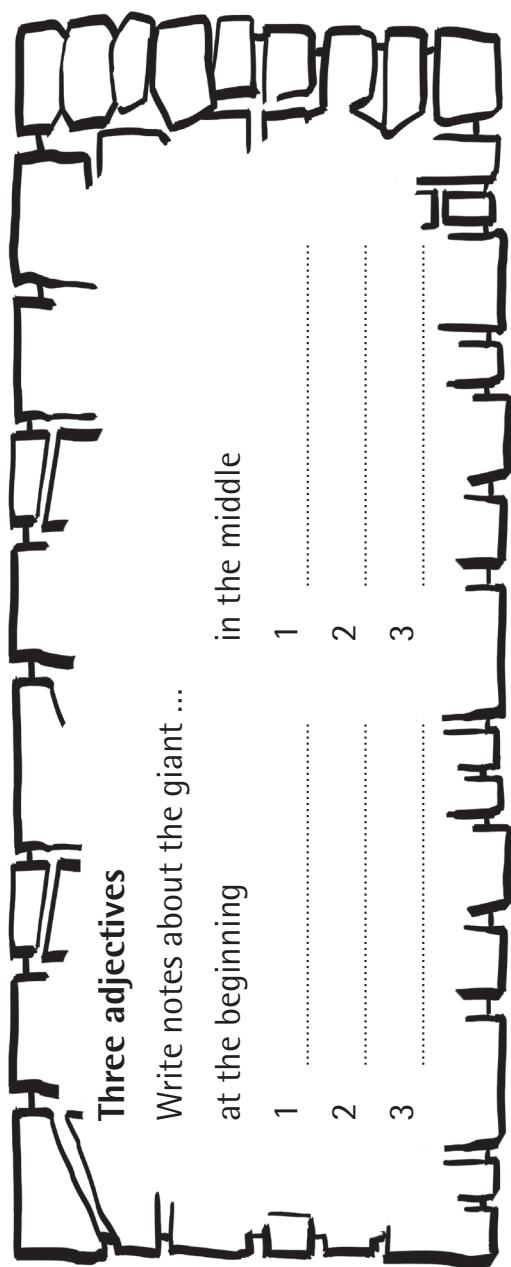
Three questions

Where does he live?

Who does he live with?

How old is he ...
... at the beginning of the story?

... at the end of the story?



in the middle

at the beginning

- 1
- 2
- 3

Write notes about the giant ...

Three adjectives

Draw pictures of the key words in the story.

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| grass | flowers | tree |
| branch | wall | road |
| snow | frost | wind |
| hail | a hole in the wall | a corner of the garden |

The Selfish Giant answers

Jumbled story

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