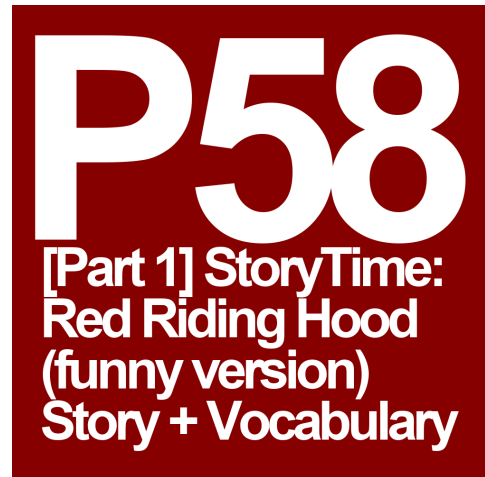


Hello listeners and welcome back to LEP Premium. This is **P58 part 1** and it is another StoryTime episode.

This time I am going to read you a fairytale - but this is not for little children. This is not an ordinary fairytale. It's a funny version that adults can enjoy too, and maybe older children.



This one comes from a book written by Roald Dahl, called “Revolting Rhymes”.

In this book, he re-wrote loads of classic fairytales but with a more modern and humourous take, with Dahl’s famous dark sense of fun.

One of the good things about this, for us, is that the whole story is written in rhyme, with words that share the same vowel sounds.

So this is a great chance to work on some pronunciation today, as well as enjoying this funny reimagining of a classic story with the usual vocabulary explanations.

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The Story of Little Red Riding Hood

In Europe, most people know the story of Little Red Riding Hood. It is based on pre-17th century folk tales and was one of the stories written down by the Grimms Brothers. If you don't know it, I'll sum it up like this.



A little girl with a red hood is sent by her mother to visit her grandmother, who lives in the woods. On the way she encounters a wolf who tricks her into divulging her destination. The wolf then rushes ahead to the grandmother's house, eats the grandmother, puts on her clothes and climbs into her bed to wait for Little Red Riding Hood, who he intends to eat as well.

When Little Red Riding Hood arrives, she goes to her grandmother's bedroom. She seems to realise that something is not quite right and she comments on her grandmother's appearance.

The classic, well-known lines here are:

"What a deep voice you have!"

"The better to greet you with", responds the wolf.

"Goodness, what big eyes you have!"

"The better to see you with", responds the wolf.

"And what big hands you have!"

"The better to embrace you with", responds the wolf.

"What a big mouth you have!"

"The better to eat you with!"

Then the wolf reveals himself and eats Red Riding Hood. Finally, a woodcutter saves the day when he breaks into the house and cuts open the wolf with his axe, rescuing both Red Riding Hood and her grandmother.

According to Wikipedia, in some versions there is more to the story

Then they fill the wolf's body with heavy stones. The wolf awakens and attempts to flee, but the stones cause him to collapse and die. In the Grimms' version, the wolf leaves the house and tries to drink out of a well, but the stones in his stomach cause him to fall in and drown.

Just a classic, sweet little story for children! :)

I don't know why so many fairytales are so weird, violent and frightening. Most fairytales are quite horrific when you think about it and that is actually one of the mild ones!

It's worth noting that a more sanitised or child-friendly version of the story is possible - the wolf doesn't eat Grandma, he just hides her in the cupboard, and the woodcutter or farmer comes in to

rescue Red Riding Hood before the wolf eats her, and he doesn't actually kill the wolf, he just scares him away with his axe and the wolf never returns.

Anyway, now you've got the story, let's look at Roald Dahl's version.

First I'll read it to you, then I'll explain any vocabulary that I think needs explaining or any other bits of language, which will allow us to then work on pronunciation.

In that section we'll be looking at vowel sounds and there are 11 different vowel sounds for us to practise today. Finally, I'll let you repeat the story after me in the usual way.

Reading the Story

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND THE WOLF by Roald Dahl

As soon as Wolf began to feel
That he would like a decent meal,
He went and knocked on Grandma's door.
When Grandma opened it, she saw
The sharp white teeth, the horrid grin,
And Wolfie said, 'May I come in?'

Poor Grandmamma was terrified,
'He's going to eat me up!' she cried.
And she was absolutely right.
He ate her up in one big bite.
But Grandmamma was small and tough,
And Wolfie wailed, 'That's not enough!
'I haven't yet begun to feel
That I have had a decent meal!
He ran around the kitchen yelping,
'I've got to have another helping!
Then added with a frightful leer,
'I'm therefore going to wait right here
'Till Little Miss Red Riding Hood
'Comes home from walking in the wood.'
He quickly put on Grandma's clothes,
(Of course he hadn't eaten those.)
He dressed himself in coat and hat.
He put on shoes and after that
He even brushed and curled his hair,
Then sat himself in Grandma's chair.
In came the little girl in red.
She stopped. She started. And then she said,

'What great big ears you have, Grandma.'
'All the better to hear you with,' the Wolf replied.
'What great big eyes you have, Grandma,'
said Little Red Riding Hood.
'All the better to see you with,' the Wolf replied.
He sat there watching her and smiled.
He thought, I'm going to eat this child.
Compared with her old Grandmamma
She's going to taste like caviare.
Then Little Red Riding Hood said, 'But Grandma,
what a lovely great big furry coat you have on.'
'That's wrong!' cried Wolf. 'Have you forgot
'To tell me what BIG TEETH I've got?
'Ah well, no matter what you say,
'I'm going to eat you anyway.'
The small girl smiles. One eyelid flickers.
She whips a pistol from her knickers.
She aims it at the creature's head
And bang bang bang, she shoots him dead.
A few weeks later, in the wood,
I came across Miss Riding Hood.
But what a change! No cloak of red,

No silly hood upon her head.

She said, 'Hello, and do please note

'My lovely furry WOLFSKIN COAT!'

Story summary

Here is a summary of the Roald Dahl version, which as you have noticed, is slightly different to the traditional one.

In this version of the classic tale, the cunning Wolf visits Grandma's house with the intention of eating her. He arrives and consumes her, but still feels he hasn't eaten enough, so he decides to wait for Red Riding Hood and eat her too. He disguises himself as Grandma, and waits for Little Red Riding Hood's arrival. However, the observant girl notices the unusual features of the "Grandma" and reveals her own cleverness by pulling out a pistol from her clothing and shooting the Wolf dead. In the end, the narrator happens to meet Red Riding Hood one day and she shows off the new coat she is wearing, which is made from the Wolf's fur, signifying her triumph over the predatory creature.

Vocabulary & Other Details

Luke goes through the story again 🙌 and highlights some vocabulary. The vocabulary is listed below

- A **decent** meal
- the **horrid grin**
- He's going to **eat me up**
- Wolfie **wailed**, 'That's not enough!'
- He ran around the kitchen **yelping**,

- Dog noises: barking, growling, whimpering, yelping
- I've got to have another **helping!**
- Then added with a frightful **leer**, 'I'm therefore going to wait right here
- He even brushed and **curled** his hair,
- She stopped. She **started**. And then she said,
- 'That's wrong!' cried Wolf. '**Have** you **forgot** (Wolf got the grammar wrong, but it's poetic licence)
- 'To tell me what **BIG TEETH** I've **got**?
- The small girl smiles. One eyelid **flickers**.
- She **whips** a pistol from her **knickers**.
- She **aims** it at the creature's head

End of part 1

This is probably a good place to stop part 1. We'll continue in part 2 with all the pronunciation practice - vowel sounds and rhyming words, and then repeating the poem/story after me with the right rhythm.

Vocabulary Memory Exercise

Can you complete the story with the missing words?

As soon as Wolf began to feel

That he would like a d_____ meal,

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Read the complete version of the story again near the top of the PDF to check your answers.