

Beatrix Potter British tales



Beatrix was born in 1866. She and her brother kept many small animals as pets – rabbits, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, mice, frogs and even bats! They both liked to draw their pets, but Beatrix liked drawing animals from her own imagination most. She also loved exploring and drawing nature when they visited beautiful places like Scotland and the Lake District.

Beatrix was very smart, and studied archaeological artefacts, fossils and insects, but she was especially interested in mycology – the study of mushrooms! She even wrote a scientific paper about it, but women at that time couldn't be scientists.

To earn some money, Beatrix started drawing cards with animals. She liked writing and illustrating letters too. One day, she wrote a letter to her friend's son, and told the story of Peter Rabbit.

She decided to make the story into a book. The Tale of Peter Rabbit was published in 1902 – and it was a great success! She wrote, illustrated and published many more books.

She also created dolls, painting books, games and other items based on her characters.

In 1905, Beatrix bought a farm in the Lake District. She learned about farming and bought more farms and land to help preserve the landscape. She enjoyed country life very much, and was very active in protecting the environment.

When Beatrix died, she left almost all her farms and land to the National Trust, a charity which protects historic places and landscapes. You can even visit Hill Top Farm today, which is exactly like it was when Beatrix lived there!

So, if you haven't read The Tale of Peter Rabbit, or other Beatrix Potter books, why not visit your local library or bookshop today!

Listen to this story <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/beatrix-potter>

Questions:

1. Who was Beatrix Potter?

2. When was she born?

3. What animals did she kept as pets?

4. What places did she visited?

5. What is Mycology?

6. How was Beatrix able to earn money?

7. What is the story that she invented?

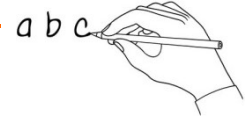
8. What happened on 1905?

9. What happened when she died?

10. Where are the books of Beatrix now?



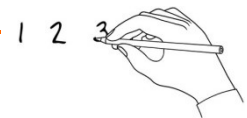
Beatrix Potter



1. What's the word?

Write the word under the pictures.

book	rabbit	draw	fossil	mushrooms	scientist
money	card	letter	farm	library	bookshop
	book				



2. What's the order?

Listen to the story and put the sentences in order.

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One day, she wrote a letter to her friend's son, and told the story of Peter Rabbit.

Beatrix started drawing cards with animals, and writing and illustrating letters.

Beatrix Potter was born in 1866. She liked drawing animals and nature.

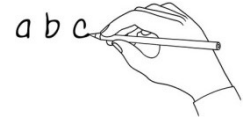
She published many more books, and she also created dolls, games and other items.

When Beatrix died, she left her land to a charity to help protect it.

Beatrix was very smart, and she was very interested in mushrooms.

She decided to make the story into a book, and it was a great success!

Beatrix learned about farming. She was very active in protecting the environment.



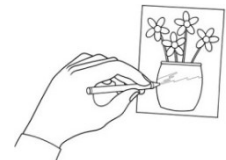
3. Answer the questions!

Write your answers to the questions.

- a. When was Beatrix Potter born? in 1866
- b. What pets did she have? _____
- c. What did she like drawing most? _____
- d. What did she study? _____
- e. Why did she start drawing cards? _____
- f. When was her first book published? _____
- g. What items did she create based on her characters? _____
- h. Why did she buy lots of farms and land? _____
- i. What is Hill Top Farm like now? _____

4. Write and draw!

Who is your favourite children's writer? Which of their books is your favourite?
Write about them and the book, and draw a picture!



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