But Peter who was very naughty, ran straight away to Mr. McGregor's garden and squeezed under the gate! First, he ate all the parsley he could find. After that, he ate some radishes, but when he was nearly sick, he went to look for some parsley. But round the end of a cucumber frame, who should he meet but Mr. McGregor!

Why do you think Peter felt sick? How do you think Peter Rabbit felt when he saw Mr. McGregor?

Mr. McGregor was on his hands and knees planting out young cabbages, but he jumped up and ran after Peter, waving a rake and calling out "Stop thief!" Peter was frightened and ran, but he didn’t notice the rabbit hole, and so he fell into it, and had a great fall. Then he scrambled up and ran home, wash all over the garden, for he had forgotten the way back to the gate. He rushed into a toolshed and jumped into a can.

Why did Mr. McGregor call Peter a thief? What do you think will happen to Peter next?

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