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▶ Beatrix Potter was born long ago in England.
The year was 1866.
She was born in a city.
But she loved the country.



🔊 In summer, her family lived in a big country house.

Beatrix had many pets.

She had two rabbits,
named Peter Piper and
Benjamin Bouncer.

🔊 She also had a frog, a lizard,
and a bat!

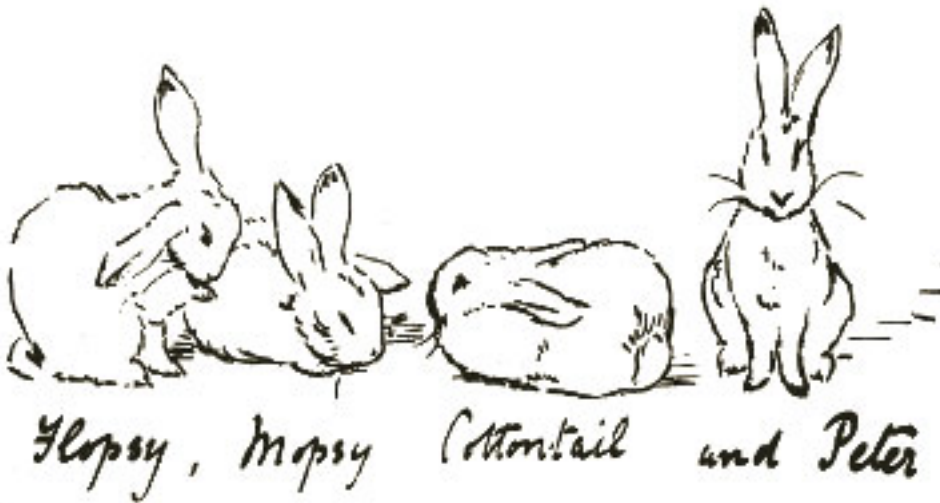


▶ Beatrix loved to draw her pets,
and she loved to be outside.
So she **taught** herself to draw
things that she saw in nature.
She drew leaves and caterpillars.
Her drawings had stories to tell!

▶ Drawing by
Beatrix Potter



- When she grew up,
Beatrix still drew pictures.
One day, Beatrix wrote a story
for a sick child.
- She drew pictures
that helped tell the story.
She called it "The Tale of
Peter Rabbit."



▶ The sick child loved the “Tale of Peter Rabbit”!
Other children loved the story, too.
So Beatrix wrote many more.
Her readers **wondered** what would happen next.

▶ Peter Rabbit



Her books were always about animals.

She painted a picture on every other page.

Her books were also a perfect size for children.

Beatrix wanted them to be easy for little hands to hold.



Reading

Her books sold very well.
They made her a lot of money.
Beatrix still loved the country.
So she used this money
to buy a house.

It had a farm,
and it was in the country.
She could be near plants
and animals.

Hill Top Farm



🔊 Beatrix did not pretend

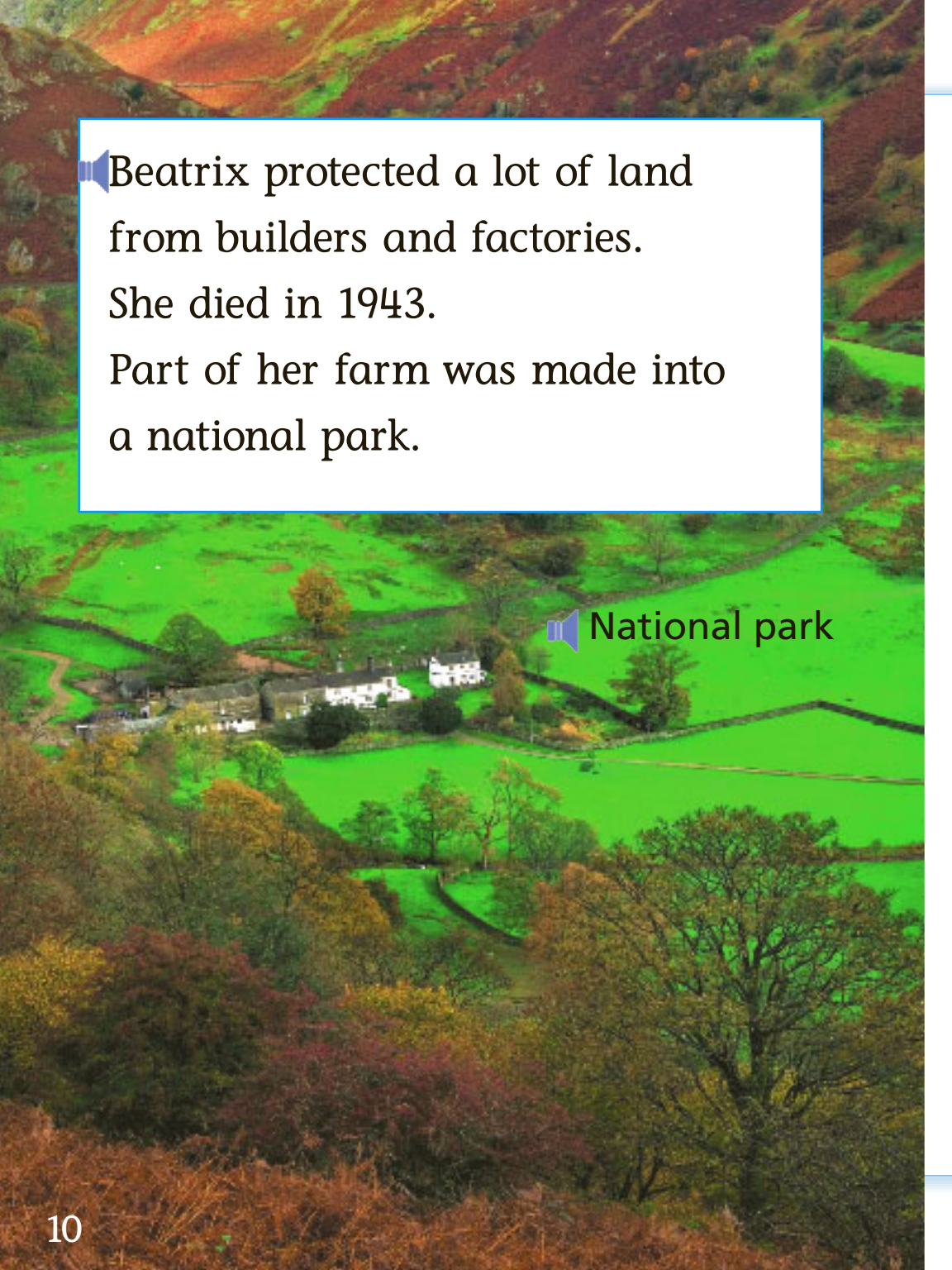
to be a farmer.

She was a real farmer.


She raised pigs and sheep.

Her animals went to fairs
and won prizes.





Beatrix protected a lot of land
from builders and factories.
She died in 1943.
Part of her farm was made into
a national park.

 National park

Responding



TARGET SKILL Understanding

Characters Beatrix Potter liked many things. Copy the chart. List one more detail from the story of something that Beatrix Potter liked.

Characters	Detail	Detail
Beatrix Potter	liked to draw	?



Write About It

Text to World Beatrix Potter wrote about animals. Think about an animal. Write a few sentences about the animal. Describe where the animal lives, how it looks, and what it eats.



TARGET VOCABULARY

accepted
express
fluttering
grand

pretend
prize
taught
wonder



TARGET SKILL Understanding

Characters Tell more about characters.



TARGET STRATEGY Analyze/Evaluate

Tell how you feel about the text, and why.



GENRE A **biography** tells about events in a person's life.

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Biography

Strategy:

Analyze/Evaluate

Skill:

Understanding Characters

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