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"The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies"

Directions: Look up the word **soporific** in the dictionary. Explain what these two lines of this story mean: *It is said that the effect of eating too much lettuce is soporific...They certainly had a very soporific effect upon the Flopsy Bunnies.*

Look up **improvident**, **doleful**, **despair**, **marrow**, and **muff**. Answer these questions.

1. The Flopsy Bunnies were improvident. What does this mean they were?
2. When Benjamin told the doleful tale, what kind of tale was he telling?
3. Benjamin and Flopsy were in despair when the bunnies were tossed into Mr. McGregor's sack. How did Benjamin and Flopsy feel?
4. Mr. McGregor's bag was stuffed with an old blackingbrush and three rotten vegetable marrows. Explain what vegetable marrows are. What do you think a blackingbrush might be?
5. Why do you suppose Thomasina Tittlemouse got a present of enough rabbit wool to make herself a cloak, a hood, a muff, and warm mittens.
6. What does someone do with a muff? Why would anyone need a muff?