Read Together Mini-Stories

A little story. A real conversation.

Eight original mini-stories to read aloud, read in turns and talk about together. Choose one story for a short, relaxed session.

1. Read together

An adult may read the whole story, alternate paragraphs or support a willing reader. These are shared-reading texts, not controlled-vocabulary decodable passages. Ages 5-7 is a flexible guide; choose by readiness.

2. Look back, then talk

Read the three questions aloud. Find details in the text before discussing possible reasons or feelings. The adult notes suggest answers; open questions can have more than one reasonable response.

3. Retell and create

Retell the three story moments in order. The drawing space is optional: a child may speak, point, draw or dictate instead of writing. Ask what detail helped them decide.

Keep it comfortable

Explain unfamiliar words using the word note. Welcome home accents and languages. There is no timer, score or promise of progress. Pause or stop when the child has had enough.

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The Boat That Waited

Mina folded a red paper boat. She put it beside the window and waited for rain. All morning, the sky stayed blue.

"My boat has nowhere to go," she said.

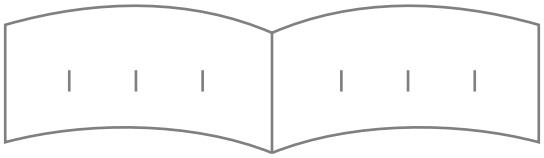
Her brother Dev brought a blue scarf. He spread it across the floor. Mina made two paper bridges. Dev set a toy bus beside the scarf.

"This river needs a town," he said.

They built a bakery from a small box and a park from green paper. Mina sailed the boat past both.

At last, rain tapped the window. Mina looked at the real puddles. Then she looked at their paper town.

"Let the boat stay here today," she said. "We have not built the station yet."



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Talk together. Look back at the story when you need a clue. Speaking is enough; writing is optional.

1. What did Dev use for the pretend river?

2. What did they build first: the bridges or the bakery?

3. Why might Mina want to keep playing indoors?

Retell these moments in order:

1. Mina waits for rain.
2. Dev spreads out a scarf.
3. They build a paper town.

Create: Draw one new place for the town. Tell a partner what happens there.

Word to explore: station - a place where trains or buses stop.

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Listen for meaning, not exact wording

These are suggested responses. Accept equivalent wording. For reasoning and creative tasks, ask for a link to the story rather than one fixed answer.

1. The Boat That Waited

Q1: A blue scarf.

Q2: The bridges.

Q3: Possible response: she wants to finish their paper town and build the station. Accept other ideas supported by the story.

Retell: Mina waits for rain. Then Dev spreads out a scarf. Then They build a paper town.

About this free sample

This sample includes the first adult guide, Story 1, its discussion/drawing page and these response notes. All four pages are also in the paid pack. The full pack adds seven more story pairs, a reading menu and complete adult notes.

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