

Story Weaver

Story or Chapter and Link - [Smile Please](#)

Level 1 (Grades Pre-kindergarten to 1st Grade)




Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

Follow the young deer as he races along with friends.

Focus Questions

1. When the fawn fell and hurt his leg, his friends helped. How would you have helped the fawn feel better?
2. Doctors are community helpers that help people stay safe and healthy. Veterinarians are community helpers that take care of animals. Tell about a time you went to the doctor, or took an animal/pet to the veterinarian.

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number/ Word	Drawing	Synonym or Definition
Fawn	2 A fawn was racing in the forest.		A young deer (noun).
Cleared	5 He leapt and cleared the stream.		To move away from [by leaping over] (verb).
Boulder	7 There was a large boulder on the grassy plain.		A large rock (noun).

Home Activities

Games -

The fawn from [Smile Please](#) loved to stay **ahead** of his animal friends as they raced. Practice using positional words like on, by, in, and under using this fun matching game.

<https://www.education.com/game/positional-words-match/>

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Story or Chapter and Link - [The Red Raincoat](#)

Level 1 (Grades Pre-kindergarten to 1st Grade)



Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

Manu has a new raincoat. He can't wait to wear it, but the rain makes him wait... and wait... and wait.

Focus Questions

1. How do you think Manu felt while he was waiting for it to rain? What do you think he could do to cheer himself up?
2. Manu's mom said she knew it was not going to rain because the clouds were white and high in the sky. How did Manu discover that the clouds and sky look when rain is near? On what page did you find your answer?

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number / Word	Drawing	Synonym or Definition
raincoat	2 On Sunday, Manu's parents got him a red raincoat .		A waterproof coat worn to stay dry in the rain (noun).
mummy	3 "Will it rain today, Mummy? ", asked Manu.		Another word for "Mommy" (noun).

Home Activities

Games -

Woof woof...do you know how to dress for the weather? Pick a puppy and take a look outside. Is it cold? Don't forget a sweater! Is it sunny? Grab your sunglasses! In this game, kids will have fun while learning which items are appropriate to wear in all types of weather.

https://www.abcya.com/games/dress_for_the_weather

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Story or Chapter and Link - [Too Big! Too Small!](#)

Level 1 (Grades Prekindergarten to 1st Grade)




Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

Shanu is too big for Ammi to carry. And too small to go to school alone. Are you too small to read this story on your own? Or are you too big to have someone read it aloud with you? Open it and find out!

Focus Questions

1. Shanu is told she is too big and too small for certain things. What things was she too big for? What things was she too small for? Make a list.
2. Shanu is just big enough to go to school. What things will Shanu do at school that shows that she is just big enough (and not too small or too big)?
3. What tools can Shanu use to measure herself to tell how big (or small) she is?

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number / Word	Drawing	Synonym or Definition
puzzled	6 Shanu is puzzled .		Unable to understand (adjective).
frock	7 Too big to wear her old pink frock .		A girl's dress (noun).
dosa	7 Too small to make dosas at the stove.		A rice pancake eaten mainly in South India (noun).

Home Activities

Games -

Click the link below to listen to all of the cool ways measurement can be used to tell how big or small things are. Then practice measuring things around the house... don't forget to measure yourself too!
https://pbskids.org/martha/stories/truestories/measureup_story.html

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Story or /Chapter and Link - [Rani's First Day of School](#)

Level 1 (Grades Pre-kindergarten to 1st Grade)




Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

What does Rani see on her first day in school? How does she feel?

Focus Questions

1. How do children get to school where you live?
2. Why did Rani not want to go into school alone?
3. Rani wonders if her mom will disappear. Is Rani's mom really getting smaller as she walks away?

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number / Word	Drawing	Synonym or Definition
mummy	2 Mummy holds my hand very tight.		Another word for "Mommy" (noun).
rickshaw	3 They come by rickshaw .		A light two-wheeled hooded vehicle pulled by one or more people. (noun).
cycle	3 They cycle .		Ride a bicycle (verb).

Home Activities

Games -

Help Rani get to school by helping her create a car using this fun game!

https://www.abcya.com/games/create_and_build_car

Get the kids to school by practicing spelling simple words.

<https://www.education.com/game/school-bus-spelling-game/>

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Story or Chapter and Link - [My Fish! No, My Fish!](#)

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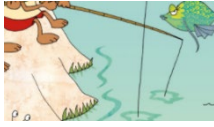

Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

A funny little story about three friends and three clever fish!

Focus Questions

1. Why do you think the boys decided morning was a good time to fish instead of afternoon or night?
2. Why will fish die if they are not in water?
3. What caused the fishing rods to break? What else did it cause?

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number / Word	Drawing	Synonym or Definition
Pond	2 He met Choru on the way to the pond .		Unable to understand (adjective).
fishing rod	3 Munia saw them marching with their fishing rods .		A girl's dress (noun).

Home Activities

Games -

Try this fun cause and effect game with your family... it is definitely a conversation starter!

https://www.education.com/activity/article/Cause_Effect_Card_middle/

Learn about compound words by going fishing!

<https://www.education.com/game/compound-word-fish/>

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Story or Chapter and Link - [It's All the Cat's Fault](#)

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Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

The boy in this story could not complete his homework because of a certain mischievous cat. Sounds like a silly excuse? Well, read about what happened to him, and you'll see how one thing can lead to another, and another, and another...

Focus Questions

1. Do you think that the cat can really be to blame for the boy not having his homework done? Why or why not?
2. Why did the baby wake up?
3. What is the relationship between the cat climbing the tree and the other events that occur in the story?

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number / Word	Drawing	Synonym or Definition
rotis	6		Indian Flat Bread
curry	6		Dish of spices particular to certain regions in India (name of a type or variety of spice)
rushed	5		Moved quickly (past tense of rush)

Home Activities

Cause and Effect Game - [Cause and Effect with Balls and Hoops from Scholastic](#)

Take a ball outside. Ask yourself the following questions and then record what happens.

- What will happen if I bounce the ball very lightly?
- What will happen if I bounce the ball very hard on the ground?
- What will happen if I bounce the ball on the concrete?
- What will happen if I bounce the ball on the grass?

Further Texts and Series that Explore the Relationship Between Cause and Effect -

Series: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (series) by Laura Numeroff

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Story or /Chapter and Link - [Bed Time Stories](#)

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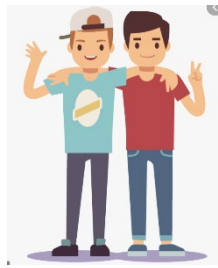
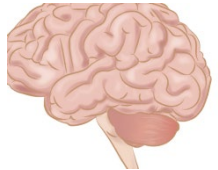

Theme: Read the following synopsis before reading the text.

Let's all curl up in our blankets! This is a story about the stories that a mother tells her son before he sleeps.

Focus Questions

What kinds of stories does the boy enjoy listening to?
What is your favorite bedtime story? Why?

Vocabulary

Word	Page Number	Drawing	Synonym/ Antonym or Definition
friends	6		A relationship of respect and understanding.
clever	8		Intelligent
asleep	9		The opposite of awake (antonym).

Home Activities

Games -

[Daniel Tiger's Bedtime Game](#)