STORY + QUIZ PACK

Ava Builds a Bridge for the Beetles

Ava builds a bridge | Suggested ages 5-7



Read, think, and create

A complete story, questions to talk about, and room for your own ideas.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Print on US Letter at actual size, or choose Fit for A4. Use single-sided printing for activity cards. Black-and-white printing is suitable.

Read aloud together when helpful. The cover illustration is shared artwork, rather than a new picture for each scene.

A muddy gap

After rain, Ava found a muddy groove between the beetle garden and the patch of tall marigolds. Three lady beetles waited beside it.

The first try

Ava laid one craft stick across the groove. It reached the other side, but it tipped when she pressed it gently.

A wider bridge

She added a second stick beside the first. The bridge grew wider, yet both sticks still slipped into the soft mud.

A steady idea

Ava studied the garden bench and noticed its legs stood on broad wooden feet. Wide supports helped the bench stay steady.

A better base

She placed two flat bark pieces at the groove's edges, then rested the craft sticks across them. The bridge no longer sank.

Test it gently

Ava tested the bridge with three small pebbles, one at a time. It stayed level, so she removed the pebbles.

Across the bridge

The lady beetles crawled over the dry bridge toward the marigolds. Ava watched without touching them and cheered softly.

Try, learn, improve

Ava learned that a strong bridge needs a steady base. Her first tipping bridge had shown her exactly what to improve.

A little more to discover

Talk together

What happened at the beginning? What changed? Tell someone your favorite part and why you chose it.

Make it your own

With a grown-up, place paper across two books and test it with a few light counters. Draw your plan, try one change, and explain what happened.

My picture or idea

Adults can write down a child's words. Different drawings and personal responses are welcome.

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Read each question together. Circle one answer. You can point or say your answer, too.

1. What happens to Ava's first bridge?

A. It tips when she presses it gently.

B. It is too short to reach the other side.

C. It floats away.

2. What stops the bridge from sinking into the mud?

A. Flower petals

B. Two flat pieces of bark under the sticks

C. More water

3. How does Ava test the improved bridge?

A. She jumps on it.

B. She pushes the beetles onto it.

C. She adds three small pebbles, one at a time.

YOUR IDEAS MATTER

Draw, tell, or write

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Design a little bridge. Show what will hold it steady.

What does Ava notice about the garden bench? How does it help her?

Talk together

What would you change if your first bridge tipped? Explain your idea.

A grown-up can write down your words. There is more than one good way to draw or explain an idea.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

Story quiz answers

1. A - It tips when she presses it gently.

The first craft stick reaches the other side, but it tips when Ava presses it gently.

2. B - Two flat pieces of bark under the sticks

The flat bark pieces make a steady base at the groove's edges.

3. C - She adds three small pebbles, one at a time.

Ava tests with pebbles, removes them, and then watches the beetles cross without touching them.

Drawing and discussion

The bench legs have broad wooden feet. Ava uses this idea to put wide, flat bark supports under her bridge. A drawing with a steady base is also a good response.

These pages are for shared practice, not a timed test. For younger children, read aloud and accept spoken or drawn answers. Invite older readers to find words in the story that support an answer.