COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Theo and the Tumbling Red Tower

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Theo feels frustrated when his block tower falls and learns to pause before trying a stronger plan.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Theo the bear stacked red blocks on the playroom rug. He wanted his tower to reach the paper moon overhead.

Part 2

The tall tower leaned left, wobbled twice, and crashed. Blocks rolled everywhere, and Theo's face became hot and tight.

Part 3

Theo wanted to throw a block, but he kept it on the rug. He said, "I feel mad and stuck."

Part 4

His teacher sat nearby and counted three slow breaths with him. Theo's tight paws began to feel soft again.

Part 5

Together they looked at the fallen tower. The tiny bottom block could not hold all the heavy blocks above it.

Part 6

Theo made a new plan. He placed three wide blocks at the bottom and added the smaller blocks on top.

Part 7

The red tower stood straight and strong. Theo tapped the rug, and this time the tower did not wobble.

Part 8

Theo grinned at his careful work. When frustration felt big, a pause helped his brain find a better plan.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What happened to Theo's first tower?

A. It turned blue	B. It flew away	C. It crashed

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. What feeling did Theo name?

A. Sleepy and cold	B. Mad and stuck	C. Silly and hungry

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What helped Theo's paws feel soft again?

A. Three slow breaths	B. Throwing a block	C. Building faster

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. Why did the first tower fall?

A. The rug was singing	B. The moon pushed it	C. The bottom block was too small

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. How did Theo build a stronger tower?

A. He hid all the blocks	B. He used wide blocks at the bottom	C. He balanced it on one corner

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

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.

1. C - It crashed

It crashed

2. B - Mad and stuck

Mad and stuck

3. A - Three slow breaths

Three slow breaths

4. C - The bottom block was too small

The bottom block was too small

5. B - He used wide blocks at the bottom

He used wide blocks at the bottom

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.