COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Nia Sorts the Toy Shelf

Nia Sorts the Toy Shelf | Suggested ages 3-5



Nia sorts blocks, toy animals, and balls so she can find one blue square block and make cleanup easier.

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

Nia wanted to build a blue tower in the playroom. She searched the toy basket, but blocks, animals, and balls were all mixed together.

Part 2

Nia pulled out a red ball, a wooden horse, and two yellow blocks. The blue square block was still hidden somewhere below them.

Part 3

On the low shelf, Nia found three empty bins. One showed a block picture, one showed a toy animal, and one showed a ball.

Part 4

Nia began matching toys to pictures. She placed blocks with the block picture and balls with the round ball picture.

Part 5

By mistake, Nia dropped a toy turtle into the block bin. She noticed its little legs, smiled, and moved it to the animal bin.

Part 6

At the bottom of the basket, Nia found the blue square block. She checked the empty basket to be sure no toy was left.

Part 7

Now every block, animal, and ball had a clear home. Nia could find a red ball without digging through the whole pile.

Part 8

Nia built her blue tower and gave a happy clap. Sorting took a little time, but it made play and cleanup much easier.

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 did Nia want to build?

A. A red road	B. A blue tower	C. A green boat

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

2. What pictures were on the three bins?

A. A block, a toy animal, and a car	B. A block, a ball, and a book	C. A block, a toy animal, and a ball

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

3. Which toy did Nia put in the wrong bin?

A. The toy turtle	B. The blue square block	C. The red ball

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Where was the blue square block?

A. On the windowsill	B. Under the table	C. At the bottom of the basket

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

5. What changed after Nia sorted the toys?

A. All toys stayed in one basket	B. Toys were easy to find	C. The bins were moved away

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. B - A blue tower

A blue tower

2. C - A block, a toy animal, and a ball

A block, a toy animal, and a ball

3. A - The toy turtle

The toy turtle

4. C - At the bottom of the basket

At the bottom of the basket

5. B - Toys were easy to find

Toys were easy to find

Keep exploring

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