COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Coco Waits for the Yellow Drum

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Coco feels impatient during music time and finds a playful way to wait for her turn.

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

Coco the kitten saw a shiny yellow drum at music time. She wanted to play it before anyone else.

Part 2

Sam held the drum first and played boom, boom, boom. Coco reached forward and cried, "My turn now!"

Part 3

Her teacher pointed to the round waiting spot. She said Coco's turn would come after Sam's short song.

Part 4

Waiting made Coco's tail twitch quickly. She named the feeling: "I am excited, and waiting feels hard for me."

Part 5

Coco sat on the spot and tapped a quiet beat on her knees. Tap, tap, pause made waiting feel smaller.

Part 6

Sam finished his song and carried the yellow drum to Coco. She thanked him instead of grabbing the drum.

Part 7

Coco played a gentle rhythm while Sam shook two bells. Both friends made music and smiled at each other.

Part 8

Coco learned that a turn can feel far away, but quiet hands and a waiting beat help it arrive.

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 Coco want to play?

A. A green kite	B. A yellow drum	C. A red wagon

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

2. Who played the drum first?

A. The teacher	B. Coco's dad	C. Sam

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

3. How did Coco say waiting felt?

A. Hard	B. Warm	C. Funny

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What helped Coco wait?

A. Taking the drum	B. Tapping a quiet beat on her knees	C. Leaving music time

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

5. What did Coco do when Sam gave her the drum?

A. She hid it	B. She threw it	C. She thanked him

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 yellow drum

A yellow drum

2. C - Sam

Sam

3. A - Hard

Hard

4. B - Tapping a quiet beat on her knees

Tapping a quiet beat on her knees

5. C - She thanked him

She thanked him

Keep exploring

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