COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Nia Finds a Quiet Corner

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Nia feels overwhelmed at a noisy party and asks for a quiet break before joining the fun again.

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 entered her cousin's birthday room. Balloons bounced, children laughed, and music played beside the bright cake table.

Part 2

The sounds seemed to pile up around her. Nia covered her ears, and her shoulders rose close to her cheeks.

Part 3

She found Aunt Jo and said, "It is too loud for me. I need a quiet place for a little while."

Part 4

Aunt Jo led Nia to a reading corner across the hall. Soft pillows and picture books waited there.

Part 5

Nia wore the little earmuffs from her bag. She counted four slow breaths while holding a smooth blue stone.

Part 6

Her shoulders dropped, and her breathing became easy. Nia chose to watch the party from the open doorway first.

Part 7

When she felt ready, Nia returned for cake and one quiet balloon game with her favorite cousin, Ada.

Part 8

Nia was proud that she listened to her body. Asking for a quiet break helped her feel ready to enjoy the party.

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 made Nia cover her ears?

A. The loud party sounds	B. A quiet book	C. An empty room

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

2. Who did Nia ask for help?

A. Ada's teacher	B. Aunt Jo	C. The mail carrier

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

3. Where did Aunt Jo take Nia?

A. The busy kitchen	B. The backyard pool	C. A quiet reading corner

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Nia hold while breathing slowly?

A. A smooth blue stone	B. A birthday candle	C. A toy train

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

5. What helped Nia enjoy the party?

A. Making the music louder	B. Asking for a quiet break	C. Popping every balloon

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. A - The loud party sounds

The loud party sounds

2. B - Aunt Jo

Aunt Jo

3. C - A quiet reading corner

A quiet reading corner

4. A - A smooth blue stone

A smooth blue stone

5. B - Asking for a quiet break

Asking for a quiet break

Keep exploring

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