COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Ollie Otter Finds a Floating Leaf

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Ollie helps a duckling use a leaf as a tiny boat.

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

Ollie Otter was skipping stones when he heard a little quack. A duckling named Dot stood beside a narrow stream, looking across at her family.

Part 2

The water was calm, but Dot was not ready to swim across alone. Ollie promised to help her find a safe little boat.

Part 3

Ollie tried a tiny leaf first. He placed one pebble on it, and the leaf dipped under the water.

Part 4

Then Ollie found a wide, strong leaf. Two pebbles sat on top, and the leaf stayed high and dry.

Part 5

Dot stepped into the middle. Ollie tied a long piece of grass to the leaf so he could guide it from the bank.

Part 6

A stick blocked the way. Ollie gently pulled the grass to one side, and the leaf boat glided around the stick.

Part 7

The boat reached the reeds on the other side. Dot hopped out, and her family welcomed her with warm, happy quacks.

Part 8

Dot thanked Ollie for testing the leaves first. Ollie smiled because a careful test had helped his small friend cross safely.

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. Who needed to cross the stream?

A. Dot the duckling	B. A blue whale	C. A baby lion

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

2. What happened to the tiny leaf?

A. It flew to the moon	B. It dipped under the water	C. It became a flower

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

3. Which leaf made a good boat?

A. A tiny torn leaf	B. A dry pine needle	C. A wide, strong leaf

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Ollie tie to the leaf?

A. A long piece of grass	B. A yellow ribbon	C. A metal chain

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

5. Who welcomed Dot?

A. Three bears	B. Her duck family	C. A sleepy dragon

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 - Dot the duckling

Dot stood beside the stream.

2. B - It dipped under the water

The tiny leaf was too small.

3. C - A wide, strong leaf

The wide leaf stayed high and dry.

4. A - A long piece of grass

The grass helped Ollie guide the boat.

5. B - Her duck family

Dot’s family greeted her at the reeds.

Keep exploring

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