COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Mina Cloud Painter Listens

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Mina learns that listening carefully can help a sad friend feel understood.

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

Mina painted happy shapes across the morning sky. She made a pink spiral, a yellow sunbeam, and a bright blue swoop.

Part 2

Dewey Raindrop floated nearby with his head low. Mina said, “Look at my colors!” Dewey tried to smile, but one little tear slipped down.

Part 3

Mina almost showed another painting. Then she put down her brush. “You look sad,” she said. “Would you like to tell me why?”

Part 4

Dewey said the wind had blown away his favorite yellow hat. Mina did not interrupt. She stayed close and listened to every word.

Part 5

“I miss my hat,” Dewey said. Mina answered, “That sounds hard. I would feel sad too.” Dewey’s shoulders relaxed.

Part 6

Mina could not bring the hat back, but she painted a golden hat-shaped cloud for Dewey. “This is to remind you that I care,” she said.

Part 7

Dewey smiled for real. Together they added blue drops and yellow stars around the cloud painting.

Part 8

Mina learned that a friend does not always need a quick answer. Sometimes a friend needs kind ears and a caring heart.

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 was Mina doing?

A. Painting the sky	B. Driving a train	C. Baking bread

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

2. How did Dewey feel?

A. Sleepy	B. Sad	C. Silly

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

3. What had blown away?

A. His blue shoe	B. His red ball	C. His yellow hat

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Mina do while Dewey talked?

A. She listened	B. She flew away	C. She sang loudly

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

5. What did Mina paint for Dewey?

A. A purple house	B. A golden hat-shaped cloud	C. A green boat

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 - Painting the sky

Mina was painting the sky.

2. B - Sad

Dewey felt sad.

3. C - His yellow hat

The wind blew away his yellow hat.

4. A - She listened

Mina listened carefully.

5. B - A golden hat-shaped cloud

Mina painted a golden hat-shaped cloud.

Keep exploring

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