COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Mina Matches the Morning Shadows

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Mina matches three shadow cards to a tree, bench, and watering can by noticing their shapes.

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

Just after sunrise, Mina found three cards with dark shadow shapes. She wanted to match each card to something in the garden.

Part 2

One card showed branching lines, one showed a long seat with legs, and one showed a round body with a curved handle.

Part 3

Mina held the branching shadow beside the bench first. The shapes did not match, so she turned the card and looked again.

Part 4

Across the path, the young tree stretched thin branches onto the grass. Its shadow had the same branching shape as the first card.

Part 5

Mina carried the long shadow card to the bench. The flat seat and four legs had the same shape as the card.

Part 6

The final card showed a curved handle and a long spout. Mina matched it to the watering can beside the flower bed.

Part 7

Mina placed each card beside its match: tree, bench, watering can. She checked the big shape parts one more time.

Part 8

As the sun rose, the real shadows grew shorter. The tree still had branches, the bench still had legs, and the can still had a handle and spout.

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 matching in the garden?

A. Three flower colors	B. Three shadow-shape cards	C. Three garden sounds

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

2. What did the first shadow card show?

A. A round wheel	B. A tiny star	C. Branching lines

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

3. Where did Mina first hold the branching card?

A. Beside the bench	B. Beside the watering can	C. Under the tree

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Which object had a curved handle and long spout?

A. The watering can	B. The bench	C. The tree

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

5. What changed as the sun rose?

A. The shadows stayed the same length	B. The shadows grew longer	C. The shadows grew shorter

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 - Three shadow-shape cards

Three shadow-shape cards

2. C - Branching lines

Branching lines

3. A - Beside the bench

Beside the bench

4. A - The watering can

The watering can

5. C - The shadows grew shorter

The shadows grew shorter

Keep exploring

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