COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Rory the Red Wagon Gives a Ride

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Rory notices a tired friend and learns that helping can make a long path easier.

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

Rory rolled along the park path beside Sam Squirrel. They were going to the pond to watch the baby ducks.

Part 2

They found Hattie Hedgehog sitting beside the path. Her little legs were tired, and her orange backpack felt heavy.

Part 3

“Would you like a ride?” Rory asked. Hattie worried that she might be too heavy. Rory said, “We can go slowly and try together.”

Part 4

Sam placed Hattie’s backpack inside first. Hattie climbed into Rory and held the sides. Rory’s wheels began to turn gently.

Part 5

At the little hill, Rory rolled more slowly. Sam pushed from behind. Hattie cheered, “You can do it!”

Part 6

At the top, everyone rested beneath a tree. Rory was tired too, so Hattie shared her water and Sam shared an apple slice.

Part 7

The path down to the pond was easy. Soon the friends heard soft quacks and saw three baby ducks swimming close to their mother.

Part 8

Hattie thanked Rory for the ride. Rory thanked Sam for pushing. Helping had carried all three friends to a happy day.

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. Where were Rory and Sam going?

A. The moon	B. A classroom	C. The pond

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

2. Why was Hattie resting?

A. Her legs were tired	B. She lost a bell	C. She was waiting for snow

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

3. What did Rory offer?

A. A drum	B. A ride	C. A paintbrush

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Who pushed on the hill?

A. A lion	B. Hattie	C. Sam Squirrel

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

5. What did they see at the pond?

A. Baby ducks	B. A train	C. A rainbow kite

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. C - The pond

They were going to the pond.

2. A - Her legs were tired

Hattie’s legs were tired.

3. B - A ride

Rory offered Hattie a ride.

4. C - Sam Squirrel

Sam pushed Rory on the hill.

5. A - Baby ducks

They saw baby ducks.

Keep exploring

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