COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Toto Turtle and the Slow Parade

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Toto’s friends learn that staying together matters more than finishing first.

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

The garden friends planned a parade to the old oak tree. Zip carried the rainbow flag. Pippa tapped a happy beat with her hooves.

Part 2

“Ready, go!” called Zip. He bounded ahead. Pippa trotted after him. Toto walked as fast as his short legs could go.

Part 3

Soon Toto was far behind. He could still see the flag, but he could not hear the happy hoof beat anymore.

Part 4

Pippa looked back and stopped. “Our parade is missing Toto,” she said. Zip looked back too. A parade without their friend did not feel right.

Part 5

Zip and Pippa returned to Toto. “We are sorry we went too fast,” Zip said. “Let us choose a together pace.”

Part 6

Toto chose the beat: step, step, pause. Pippa matched it with her hooves. Zip waved the flag slowly from side to side.

Part 7

More friends joined behind them. The slow parade had time to wave at butterflies and smell the flowers.

Part 8

They reached the oak tree together. Nobody asked who was first. Everyone cheered because no friend had been left behind.

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 was the parade going?

A. The train station	B. The old oak tree	C. A moon castle

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

2. Who fell behind?

A. Zip Rabbit	B. Pippa Pony	C. Toto Turtle

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

3. Who noticed Toto was missing?

A. Pippa Pony	B. A duck	C. Mr. Moon

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What pace did the friends choose?

A. A jumping pace	B. A together pace	C. The fastest pace

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

5. How did they reach the oak tree?

A. One at a time	B. Without Toto	C. Together

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 - The old oak tree

The parade was going to the old oak tree.

2. C - Toto Turtle

Toto fell behind.

3. A - Pippa Pony

Pippa noticed Toto was missing.

4. B - A together pace

They chose a pace that kept them together.

5. C - Together

They reached the tree together.

Keep exploring

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