COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Poppy Sorts Big and Small

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Poppy compares playground balls with one big sample ball and one small sample ball, then sorts them by size.

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

Poppy Puppy helped prepare the playground. A blue hoop and a yellow hoop lay flat on the ground. One big sample ball sat by blue, and one small sample ball sat by yellow.

Part 2

A big red ball and a tiny green ball were easy to sort. Then Poppy found a purple ball. She was not sure which group it matched.

Part 3

Poppy first placed the purple ball by the small-ball hoop. When she looked again, it seemed much bigger than the small sample.

Part 4

Instead of pushing it into place, Poppy rolled the purple ball beside the big and small sample balls.

Part 5

The purple ball was the same size as the big sample. Poppy moved it beside the blue hoop.

Part 6

She compared every remaining ball before sorting it. Large balls went blue, and little balls went yellow, one at a time.

Part 7

When the basket was empty, Poppy counted four big balls and four small balls. Every ball matched one of the two samples.

Part 8

Poppy was glad she checked the samples. When size was hard to guess, putting objects side by side made the difference easier to see.

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. Beside which hoop did the big balls belong?

A. The blue hoop	B. The yellow hoop	C. Either hoop

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

2. Which ball was hard for Poppy to sort?

A. The red ball	B. The purple ball	C. The green ball

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

3. What did Poppy use to check the purple ball?

A. A ruler on the wall	B. The sample balls	C. A picture book

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. How many big balls did Poppy count at the end?

A. Five	B. Six	C. Four

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

5. What made a hard size difference easier to see?

A. Putting objects side by side	B. Guessing without the samples	C. Rolling every ball away

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 - The blue hoop

The blue hoop

2. B - The purple ball

The purple ball

3. B - The sample balls

The sample balls

4. C - Four

Four

5. A - Putting objects side by side

Putting objects side by side

Keep exploring

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