COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Wally Worm Saves the Sprout

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Wally gently moves a pebble so a young sprout can grow.

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

Wally Worm popped out of the soil after a spring rain. Beside him, a new green sprout was bent under a round gray pebble.

Part 2

Wally pushed the pebble with his head. It did not move, and pushing harder made the soft soil press against the sprout.

Part 3

Wally stopped before the sprout was hurt. He wiggled around the pebble and loosened the soil on every side.

Part 4

His red beetle friend Bea came walking by. Wally explained the sprout’s problem, and Bea offered to help with her strong little legs.

Part 5

Wally pushed from below while Bea pushed from the side. The pebble rolled once, then twice, away from the sprout.

Part 6

The sprout slowly lifted its two green leaves. Wally packed soft soil around its stem so it could stand straight.

Part 7

Bea carried one dewdrop, and Wally guided it to the sprout’s roots. The little plant shone in the morning sun.

Part 8

Wally and Bea rested beside the sprout. They had helped by stopping, thinking, asking, and working gently together.

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 on top of the sprout?

A. A round gray pebble	B. A yellow balloon	C. A wool blanket

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

2. What did Wally loosen?

A. A button on his coat	B. The soil around the pebble	C. A rope on a boat

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

3. Who came to help Wally?

A. A polar bear	B. A purple whale	C. Bea the beetle

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. How many times did the pebble roll?

A. Twice	B. Ten times	C. It did not roll

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

5. What did Bea carry?

A. A bag of snow	B. One dewdrop	C. A toy drum

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 - A round gray pebble

The pebble bent the new sprout.

2. B - The soil around the pebble

Loose soil made the pebble easier to move.

3. C - Bea the beetle

Bea offered her strong legs.

4. A - Twice

The pebble rolled once and then twice.

5. B - One dewdrop

Bea brought water for the sprout.

Keep exploring

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