COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Zara Makes Room at the Tea Table

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Zara welcomes a new neighbor and learns that kindness can begin with one invitation.

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

Zara set up a pretend tea party for Teddy. She placed two cups on the little table: one for herself and one for her bear.

Part 2

Through the open window, Zara saw Mei in the next yard. Mei had just moved into the neighborhood and was playing alone.

Part 3

Zara felt shy about speaking to someone new. Teddy could not speak, but his friendly button eyes helped Zara think of a kind idea.

Part 4

Zara carried a green chair to the table and added a third cup. Then she went outside and said, “Hello. Would you like to join our tea party?”

Part 5

Mei smiled and came inside. She poured pretend tea for Teddy. Zara offered pretend strawberry cake.

Part 6

At first they used only a few words. Then Mei made Teddy bow, and Zara laughed. Soon they were making up a whole teddy-bear café.

Part 7

Mei taught Zara how to say hello in the language she spoke with her family. Zara practiced carefully, and Mei clapped.

Part 8

When Mei went home, the green chair stayed by the table. Zara wanted it ready for the next friend who needed an invitation.

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. Who was Zara’s first tea-party guest?

A. Teddy	B. Mei	C. A lion

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

2. Who was playing alone outside?

A. A duck	B. Mei	C. Zara

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

3. What did Zara add to the table?

A. A train track	B. A big drum	C. A green chair and third cup

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Zara invite Mei to join?

A. The tea party	B. A race	C. A bedtime story

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

5. Why did the green chair stay?

A. To block the door	B. For another friend	C. Because it was broken

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 - Teddy

Teddy was Zara’s first guest.

2. B - Mei

Mei was playing alone.

3. C - A green chair and third cup

Zara added a green chair and another cup.

4. A - The tea party

Zara invited Mei to the tea party.

5. B - For another friend

Zara kept it ready for another friend.

Keep exploring

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