COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Kai and the Dragon's Quiet Footprints

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Kai uses footprint depth and movement clues to help a young dragon walk quietly during a forest game.

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

During the Moonwood games, Kai noticed huge three-toed prints beside the quiet trail. Oddly, nobody had heard a dragon pass.

Part 2

The prints were broad but very shallow. Kai compared them with his own smaller, deeper boot marks in the soft moss.

Part 3

He guessed a giant dragon had tiptoed by. Behind a fern, he found Piko, a young dragon wearing wide padded practice shoes.

Part 4

Piko explained that the game required silent steps. The soft pads spread his weight, so they left wide marks without pressing deeply.

Part 5

Kai watched Piko take one slow step. The pad touched heel to toe, the moss barely sank, and no twig snapped.

Part 6

A second trail had deep claw marks and broken twigs. It belonged to the wooden practice cart, whose dragon-shaped wheels carried heavy stones.

Part 7

Kai followed the shallow prints to Piko's team flag. He followed the deep trail to the equipment shed and sorted both clues correctly.

Part 8

Kai learned that a large print does not always mean a heavy walker. Depth, sound, and nearby clues reveal more than size alone.

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 unusual about the dragon footprints?

A. They were narrow and deep	B. They faced the sky	C. They were broad but shallow

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

2. Who made the quiet footprints?

A. A stone giant	B. Piko the young dragon	C. Kai's boots

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

3. Why were Piko's prints shallow?

A. The moss was frozen	B. He could fly	C. Wide soft pads spread his weight

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What made the deep claw-shaped trail?

A. A wooden practice cart	B. A sleeping bear	C. A rain puddle

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

5. Which clue revealed more than print size?

A. Flag color	B. Print depth and sound	C. Kai's hat

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 - They were broad but shallow

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2. B - Piko the young dragon

Piko the young dragon

3. C - Wide soft pads spread his weight

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4. A - A wooden practice cart

A wooden practice cart

5. B - Print depth and sound

Print depth and sound

Keep exploring

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