COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Sami and the Seeds That Moved Overnight

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Sami compares seed positions and tracks to learn that ants moved sunflower seeds into a crack overnight.

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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Black-and-white printing is suitable.

Part 1

Sami arranged twelve sunflower seeds in a neat circle for a garden experiment. The next morning, the circle was broken and five seeds were gone.

Part 2

Tiny lines crossed the damp soil from the circle to a crack beside the path. Each line was narrower than a worm trail.

Part 3

Sami first blamed the wind, but the paper flag beside the seeds had not moved. The remaining seeds also stayed inside their chalk marks.

Part 4

He sprinkled a thin ring of flour around two replacement seeds. Then he watched from a stool without blocking the garden path.

Part 5

Several ants arrived, lifted one seed together, and carried it across the flour. Their feet left many tiny dots pointing toward the crack.

Part 6

Sami looked near the crack without opening the ants' nest. Two empty seed shells lay nearby, matching the missing sunflower seeds.

Part 7

For a second test, Sami placed twelve new seeds in a clear observation box with air holes covered by fine mesh and tightly sealed edges. All seeds stayed inside overnight.

Part 8

Sami learned that small creatures can move surprisingly large objects together. Tracks, a fair test, and respect for the nest solved the mystery.

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. How many seeds were missing the next morning?

A. Two seeds	B. All twelve seeds	C. Five seeds

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

2. Where did the tiny tracks lead?

A. To a crack beside the path	B. To the water tap	C. Into Sami's pocket

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

3. Why did Sami reject the wind idea?

A. The flag and marked seeds had not moved	B. It had rained	C. The seeds were heavy stones

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Who carried a replacement seed away?

A. A large bird	B. Several ants together	C. Sami's friend

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

5. How did Sami protect the second experiment?

A. He covered the ants' nest	B. He removed every seed	C. He used a closed observation box with fine-mesh air holes

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 - Five seeds

Five seeds

2. A - To a crack beside the path

To a crack beside the path

3. A - The flag and marked seeds had not moved

The flag and marked seeds had not moved

4. B - Several ants together

Several ants together

5. C - He used a closed observation box with fine-mesh air holes

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Keep exploring

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