COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Theo Makes a Ramp for the Red Wagon

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Theo compares ramp slopes to help a loaded toy wagon reach a low playhouse porch.

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

Theo wanted his red wagon to carry soft blocks onto the playhouse porch. The porch step was too high for the wheels.

Part 2

He leaned a short board against the step. The ramp was steep, and the loaded wagon rolled backward when he let go.

Part 3

Theo removed two blocks, but he wanted one safe trip instead of many small trips. He searched for another idea.

Part 4

He chose a longer board and placed one end on the porch. The same height now had a gentler slope.

Part 5

The wagon moved farther, but the board wobbled sideways. Theo added a rubber mat underneath both ends to stop slipping.

Part 6

He pushed from behind with both hands and walked slowly. The wagon climbed the gentle ramp without rolling backward.

Part 7

Theo drew the short steep ramp and the long gentle ramp. He circled the one that needed less pushing force.

Part 8

Theo learned that a longer ramp can make a climb easier. A non-slip base also keeps a ramp steady and safer.

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 did Theo want the wagon to carry?

A. Soft blocks	B. Bowls of soup	C. Garden stones

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

2. What happened on the short, steep ramp?

A. The wagon changed color	B. The wagon rolled backward	C. The porch became taller

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

3. How did the longer board change the ramp?

A. It made the wheels square	B. It made the blocks heavier	C. It made the slope gentler

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What stopped the board from slipping?

A. A rubber mat under both ends	B. A paper hat	C. A cup of water

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

5. What did Theo learn about a longer ramp?

A. It always makes a wagon faster	B. It can make a climb easier	C. It removes the need for wheels

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 - Soft blocks

Soft blocks

2. B - The wagon rolled backward

The wagon rolled backward

3. C - It made the slope gentler

It made the slope gentler

4. A - A rubber mat under both ends

A rubber mat under both ends

5. B - It can make a climb easier

It can make a climb easier

Keep exploring

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