COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Zara Builds the Tallest Block Tower

Zara Builds the Tallest Block Tower | Suggested ages 5-6



Zara studies balance and base width while building a tall block tower for the class skyline.

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.

Print on US Letter at actual size, or choose Fit for A4. Use single-sided printing for activity cards. Black-and-white printing is suitable.

Part 1

Zara's class was building a block city. She promised to make a tall tower beside the cardboard library.

Part 2

She stacked small blocks in one narrow line. At eight blocks high, the tower leaned and tumbled onto the soft rug.

Part 3

Zara felt disappointed, then looked closely at the fallen blocks. The bottom block had been smaller than several blocks above it.

Part 4

She sorted the blocks by size. Large flat blocks went in one pile, medium blocks in another, and small blocks in a third.

Part 5

Zara built a wide square base with four large blocks. She added medium blocks in crossing layers so the joins did not line up.

Part 6

The tower stayed straight. Zara placed the lightest small blocks near the top and checked each layer from two sides.

Part 7

Her tower reached twelve blocks high without falling. The class added paper windows but left the strong base uncovered.

Part 8

Zara learned that tall structures need a wide, stable base. Sorting materials helped her choose the right block for each level.

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

Zara Builds the Tallest Block Tower | Suggested ages 5-6

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.

Print on US Letter at actual size, or choose Fit for A4. Use single-sided printing for activity cards.
Black-and-white printing is suitable.

1. Where was Zara building her tower?

A. On a swimming dock	B. In the class block city	C. Inside a grocery cart

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

2. What did Zara notice after the first tower fell?

A. Every block was made of ice	B. The rug was missing	C. The bottom block was too small

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

3. How did Zara organize the blocks?

A. She sorted them by size	B. She painted them all black	C. She hid them under a table

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What kind of base did Zara build?

A. A narrow round base	B. A wide square base	C. A base made from paper

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

5. What helped the tall tower stay stable?

A. Loud music	B. A spinning top layer	C. A wide base and well-chosen blocks

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

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

Zara Builds the Tallest Block Tower | Suggested ages 5-6

Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. B - In the class block city

In the class block city

2. C - The bottom block was too small

The bottom block was too small

3. A - She sorted them by size

She sorted them by size

4. B - A wide square base

A wide square base

5. C - A wide base and well-chosen blocks

A wide base and well-chosen blocks

Keep exploring

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