COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Lina Makes a Lantern from Paper Shapes

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Lina combines flat paper shapes into a sturdy lantern shade for a cool battery light.

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

Lina wanted a lantern for the reading tent. Mom gave her a cool battery light and reminded her never to use a candle.

Part 2

Lina curved one long paper strip into a circle. It looked pretty, but the soft paper collapsed when she lifted it.

Part 3

She folded four paper strips into triangle-shaped tubes. Each tube kept its shape when Lina pressed it gently from above.

Part 4

Lina stood one tube at each corner of a square cardboard base. Mom helped tape their tops to a matching square paper frame.

Part 5

The top frame leaned to one side. Lina measured the four corner tubes and found that one was shorter than the others.

Part 6

She replaced it with an equal-length tube. The lantern stood straight, and thin colored paper panels filled the open sides.

Part 7

Mom switched on the battery light inside. Soft colors glowed through the panels while the paper stayed cool.

Part 8

Lina learned that folded paper tubes can make strong supports. Four equal corner supports helped her lantern stand straight.

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 light did Lina use safely?

A. A candle flame	B. A campfire coal	C. A cool battery light

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

2. Why did the first paper circle collapse?

A. The soft strip had no strong supports	B. The paper was too colorful	C. The reading tent moved

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

3. Which folded shape held firm?

A. Loose paper circles	B. Triangle-shaped tubes	C. Flat ribbons

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Why did the lantern top lean?

A. The battery light was singing	B. The panels were all equal	C. One upright piece was shorter

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

5. What helped the lantern stand straight?

A. Equal supports	B. A real flame	C. Uneven paper pieces

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 - A cool battery light

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2. A - The soft strip had no strong supports

The soft strip had no strong supports

3. B - Triangle-shaped tubes

Triangle-shaped tubes

4. C - One upright piece was shorter

One upright piece was shorter

5. A - Equal supports

Equal supports

Keep exploring

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