

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Using Illustrations

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Kite Rescue

Jada held the string tightly. Her red kite danced in the sky.

"Look how high it goes!" she shouted to her friend Sam.

But then—whoosh!—the wind pulled hard.

The kite dipped and dove... and then—*snag!* It got stuck in the big oak tree.

"Oh no!" Jada cried.

Sam ran to help. He pointed to a low branch. "I think we can reach it!"

Jada climbed carefully. She grabbed the kite's tail and tugged. It came loose!

She climbed back down, holding the kite like a trophy.

"We did it!" Sam cheered.

Jada smiled. "Teamwork saves the day!"



Name: _____

The Kite Rescue

1. How can the pictures help you understand where the story takes place?

- A. They show trees, grass, and a big kite
- B. They show fish in a tank
- C. They show people at night
- D. They show a dark room

2. What do the illustrations show about Jada?

- A. She is smiling and excited to fly her kite
- B. She is sitting at her desk
- C. She is playing with a dog
- D. She is reading a book

3. Fill in the blank:

Jada's kite got stuck in a big _____.

4. What do the pictures show that help you understand how the characters feel?

5. How do the illustrations help show what happened during the kite rescue?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: F

Lexile Level: 85L-225L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Introducing the Text

"Today's story is about Jada and her friend trying to rescue a kite. As we read, we'll look closely at the pictures to help us understand where they are, how they feel, and what's happening in the story."

Vocabulary: kite, dipped, snagged, branch, teamwork

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever flown a kite? What could go wrong?
 2. What clues can pictures give you about a story's setting?
 3. How can pictures help you understand what characters are feeling?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does the illustration tell you about how the kite got stuck?
 2. What do Jada and Sam's faces tell you during the rescue?
 3. What do the trees and sky in the picture show us about the setting?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How do the pictures help explain the story even without words?
 2. How does the illustrator show teamwork in the pictures?
 3. What part of the story would be confusing if there were no pictures?
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Activity Idea

Give students a blank "kite rescue" scene with a stuck kite and trees. Ask them to draw what happens before, during, and after the rescue in three boxes. Then they describe how the illustrations help tell the story, even if there were no words.

