Read the short story and answer each question.

Luna and the Leaf Boat

Luna lived near a big stream. One windy day, she saw a giant leaf floating on the water.

"It looks like a boat!" she said.

She stepped on and held tight. The leaf boat wobbled, then sailed

The stream took her past frogs, flowers, and fish. Luna waved at a dragonfly.

Suddenly, the wind blew hard. Splash! A wave hit the boat.

Luna held tight and stayed calm.

At last, the leaf stopped at a soft, sandy shore. Luna jumped off and smiled.

"What a ride!" she said. "Let's do it again tomorrow!"



Luna and the Leaf Boat

1. Where did Luna ride the leaf boat?	2. What happened when the wind blew hard?
A. Down a stream	A. A wave hit the boat
B. Across a pond	B. The leaf flew away
C. Through the air	C. Luna fell off
D. Around the yard	D. The boat sank
3. Fill in the blank:	
Luna waved at a as she rode past.	
4. How would you describe Luna? What do her actions show about her?	
5. What are three things Luna saw or passed on her boat ride?	

Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: G Lexile Level: 165L-305L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Fantasy

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read a fantasy story about a girl who takes a magical boat ride on a leaf. As we read, pay attention to what kind of character Luna is, where the story takes place, and what major events happen on her journey."

Vocabulary: stream, leaf, boat, waved, splash

Before Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What do you think it would feel like to ride on a giant leaf?
- Have you ever watched leaves float in water?
- 3. What makes a story a fantasy?

During Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What kind of place did Luna explore?
- 2. What happened when the wind blew harder?
- 3. How did Luna react to the big wave?

After Reading Discussion Questions

- How would you describe Luna's personality?
- 2. What are the most important things that happened in the story?
- 3. What would you do if you found a leaf boat?

Activity Idea

Give students blue construction paper (stream), brown or green paper (leaf boat), and small stickers or drawings of animals, flowers, and waves. Let them create Luna's journey scene and retell the events in order.

