

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Retell Stories

Read the short story and answer each question.



Niko and the Talking Wind

Niko lived on a hill where the wind never stopped. It pushed doors open and carried leaves high into the sky.

One morning, the wind whispered, "Bring the feather to the tree."

Niko blinked. "Did you say something?"

The wind whooshed again, dropping a soft blue feather at his feet.

He picked it up and walked through the field. The wind tugged at his coat.

Niko reached the tallest tree. The wind circled the trunk.

"Hang it here," the wind whispered. Niko tied the feather to a branch.

Suddenly, the wind calmed. The air turned still.

That night, Niko smiled. "Sometimes, the wind just wants to be heard."



Name: _____

Niko and the Talking Wind

1. What did the wind ask Niko to do?

- A. Bring the feather to the tree
- B. Chase the wind through town
- C. Hide the feather in the house
- D. Make a wish on the feather

2. What happened after Niko tied the feather to the tree?

- A. The wind stopped blowing
- B. A storm rolled in
- C. The tree grew flowers
- D. The wind blew harder

3. Fill in the blank:

The wind left a blue _____ at Niko's feet.

4. Why do you think the wind wanted Niko to hang the feather?

5. What is the message or lesson of this story?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: J

Lexile Level: 290L-450L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, End of the Year

Genre: Folktale-Style Fiction

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read a gentle story that feels like a folktale. It's about a boy and the wind, and how he learns to listen. As you read, think about what Niko does, and what the wind might really want."

Vocabulary: whispered, feather, trunk, branch, still

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt the wind whisper through the trees?
 2. What would you do if the wind spoke to you?
 3. Why do people write stories with talking wind or animals?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What did Niko find after the wind whispered to him?
 2. Where did the wind lead Niko?
 3. What happened when Niko tied the feather to the tree?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How was the wind like a character in this story?
 2. What lesson did Niko learn from the wind?
 3. Can you retell the story in order, using beginning, middle, and end?
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Activity Idea

Invite students to write a message from the wind. What might it say to them? Use feather-shaped paper and let them decorate and display their messages on a classroom "wind tree" made from poster board.

