

Missing Poppy

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Age 10

Genre Fiction

Word Count 302 Words

Story at a Glance

Maria missed her Poppy after he died. Her father showed her an M carving that Poppy had made on her birthday to remind him of her when she went away for school. Maria carved a P right next to the M for Poppy. They will always be in each other's hearts.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *Missing Poppy*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

funeral a ceremony for someone who died

silly foolish

rescue to save

ladder a pair of side pieces with steps in between to help you climb

elm tree a type of tree

nod to move the head down and then up in a quick motion to mean "yes"

bark the covering of a tree

pocketknife a small knife that can fold into a handle

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 Once, he _____ a kitten from a tree.

- ① wanted
- ② rescued
- ③ needed

02 Poppy always did _____ things!

- ① silly
- ② bark
- ③ nod

03 A letter M was carved into the _____ of the tree.

- ① bark
- ② ladder
- ③ funeral

04 Her father was holding a _____ to carve the bark.

- ① elm tree
- ② rescue
- ③ pocketknife

05 Maria was brave at Poppy's _____.

- ① pocketknife
- ② funeral
- ③ ladder

Words Building

After reading *Missing Poppy*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

funeral

silly

rescue

ladder

elm tree

nod

bark

pocketknife

Grammar

Choose the sentences with the words in the right order.

<Sample>

"I will always love you (. ?)"

01 "Where should I carve the letter P (. ?)"

02 "He knew you were growing up (? .)"

03 "See how tall it is now (! ?)"

04 "We can carve a P for Poppy (. ?)"

05 Poppy always did silly things (? !)

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01 Maria never liked Poppy's favorite music before. T / F
- 02 Poppy never did silly things. T / F
- 03 Maria and her father carved a P into the bark of the tree. T / F
- 04 Maria sat in her room and cried. T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the main idea of the story?

- ① Maria missed her Poppy, but he will always be in her heart.
- ② Maria now likes Poppy's favorite songs.
- ③ Maria and her father took a walk.

02 When Poppy tried to rescue a kitten from a tree, he _____.

- ① carved a letter into the tree bark
- ② did not find the kitten
- ③ scared the kitten
- ④ got stuck and needed to be rescued

03 Poppy planted that tree when _____.

- ① her father was born
- ② the kitten got stuck in the tree
- ③ Maria was born
- ④ Maria went to school

04 Maria carved the letter P _____.

- ① above the letter M
- ② below the letter M
- ③ right next to the letter M
- ④ far from the letter M

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

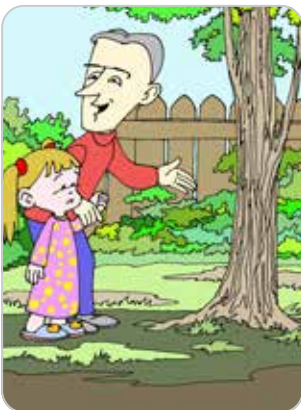
③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

He explained. "Poppy carved that last year on your birthday. He knew you were growing up. He knew you would go away to school. But he could look at that M. And you would be with him in his heart."

①



②



③



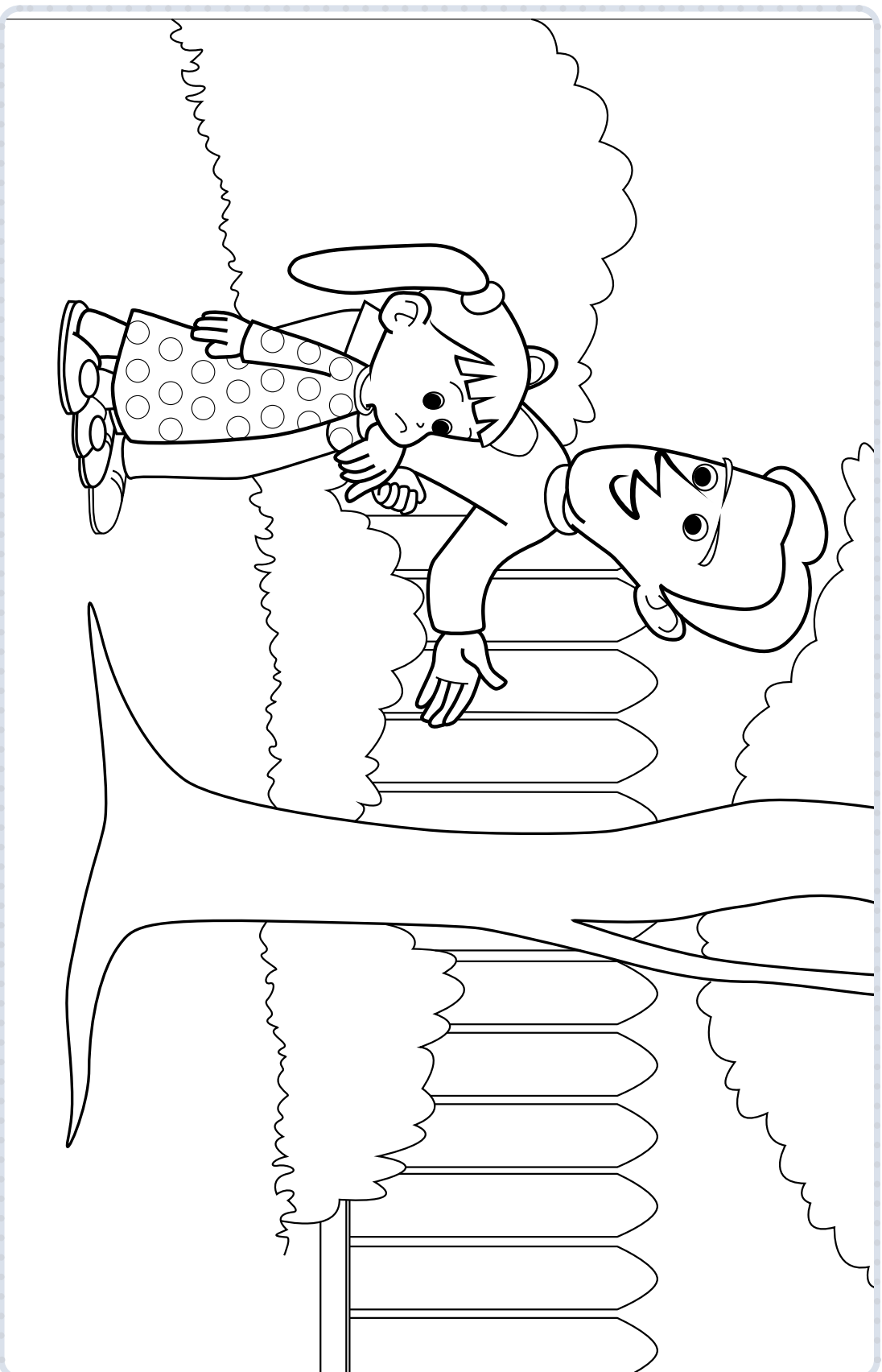
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Coloring Sheet

📅 DATE: _____

👤 NAME: _____



Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



They _____.

"Poppy planted _____," her father said.

"_____!" Maria nodded.

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

- 01** If Maria never liked Poppy's music, why does she want to hear it all the time now?
- 02** What do you think Maria will do now when she misses Poppy?
- 03** Have you had someone close to you die? What helps you remember that person? If you haven't had anyone close to you die, how do you think you would remember someone if he or she died?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

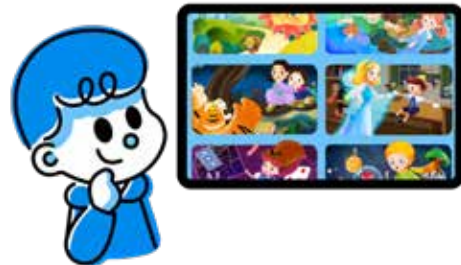


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Become a main character in the storybook



① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *Missing Poppy* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *Missing Poppy*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ①
- 4 - ③
- 5 - ②

Grammar

- 1 - ?
- 2 - .
- 3 - !
- 4 - .
- 5 - !

Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - T
- 4 - F

Understanding #2

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ④
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ③

Understanding #3

- Top - ①
- Bottom - ①

Speaking Fluency

They stopped in front of the elm tree in the backyard.

"Poppy planted that tree when you were born," her father said.

"See how tall it is now!" Maria nodded.

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. Maria wants to hear Poppy's music all the time now because she misses him and the music reminds her of him.
2. When she misses Poppy, Maria will probably look at old pictures, listen to Poppy's music, or go to the tree to look at the carved letters.
3. My grandmother died when I was seven. Sometimes I can't remember what she looked like because I was so young, but when that happens, I look at our old pictures. When I see her in pictures, I start to remember everything. I remember what she sounded like and even what she smelled like when I see her pictures.