

Adventure in the Garden



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ARABIA READERS

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Before Reading

- Look at the cover with your child. Ask questions about the picture: *What are the characters doing? How might they be feeling?*
- If your child has read other Arabia Readers stories, ask them about the characters and the other stories they remember.
- Look through the book together. Talk about the pictures. Ask: *What can you see? Who is this?*

While Reading

- Listen to your child patiently and encourage them to read aloud at their own pace.
- Give your child lots of encouragement. If they get stuck on a word, help them to break it down into sounds and then blend the whole word, e.g. ad-ven-ture, adventure.
- Tell your child a word if they really struggle to say it and blend the word. Move straight on, it's no big deal.

- Encourage your child to ask questions about the meanings of the words.
- Praise your child after reading tricky words. Make sure to ask them to say what the word means or to give an example of the word, so you can check that they understand the meaning and not just how to say it.

After Reading

- If you can remember the words that your child struggled with, try to practise them a little more:
 - Go back and find the word in the book, point to it and ask your child to say and explain the word.
 - Say to your child: *Remember that it was a bit difficult to say (adventure)? Can you find it again in the book?* Encourage your child to look back through the pages and find the tricky words.
 - Do the activities on page 24 together.

Don't forget to tell your child how much you enjoyed reading with them!

Amal, Ali, Haya and Hamad are cousins. They are good friends, too, but they don't see each other very often because Amal and Ali live in the UAE and Haya and Hamad live in the UK.



Haya and Hamad like spending time with their cousins and learning about their lives.



SAMPLE NOT FOR SALE

Amal and Haya were in Amal's bedroom. They were getting ready to go camping in the desert. "Have you ever been camping in England, Haya?" asked Amal.

"Yes, I have," said Haya. She was trying to close her bag, but it was very full. "But we don't have deserts in England, so this will be very different."

Haya lived with her brother, Hamad, in the UK, but they were on holiday in the UAE with their cousins, Amal and Ali. Haya loved her holidays in the UAE because she always learned interesting things about her family and her ancestors when she was there.

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“Let me help you,” said Amal. She sat on the bag and finally they closed it.

Grandmother was standing in the door of the bedroom. She laughed. “You don’t need all of those clothes, Haya,” she said. “Our ancestors travelled with everything they had, and their bags weren’t as big as yours!”



Finally, the girls were ready, but when they went into Ali and Hamad's bedroom, the boys were sitting on their beds with unhappy faces.

“What's the matter?” asked Amal.

“We can't go camping,” said Ali. “A car hit a lorry in town. Father and Uncle went to the hospital.”

Uncle Yousef was Ali and Amal's father, and Uncle Rashid was his brother. He was Haya and Hamad's father. Both men were both doctors.

The children were all very unhappy because they couldn't go camping. Then, Hamad looked out of the window into the garden and he had an idea.

“Let's camp in the garden!” he cried.

The other children looked at him in surprise.

“But we can’t put up the tent without Father,”
said Haya.

“And we can’t make food,” said Ali.

“The garden is boring!” said Haya. “I want to
camp in the desert like our ancestors.”

