

Bunni is Lost!

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Dear Parents,

This story booklet will help your child to improve their attention span, comprehension, and word association. Daily, oral reading for 5-10 minutes is very important!

1. Read together with your child/children. Each should read until he/she makes a mistake. Then the other should read. Do not do the exercises yet.
2. Your child will read to you and answer the questions verbally. Guide them when/if necessary.
3. Your child will work through the book independently and make sure the child answers questions with complete sentences. In each case you must ensure that you don't overexert your child. Keep it fun!!

Lara had always wanted and wished for a rabbit. This year, for her 7th birthday, she finally got one. A very small rabbit, as white as snow and snuggly soft. Oh, how happy she was!

She also received a cage, rabbit food, a little house and straw for her rabbit. She would have to take care of it all by herself though. She cleaned the cage, which wasn't always very pleasant, because bunnies also need to go once in a while. It can't use the toilet like we can. It goes whenever in its cage. He finds one corner and will always use it as his toilet. If the cage is not cleaned regularly, of course it will stink.

When did Lara receive the rabbit as a gift?

What did the rabbit look like?

What else did Lara receive as a gift?

Why does Lara have to keep the rabbit cage clean?

Draw a picture of the rabbit.

Lara also needed to remember to give her rabbit fresh food and fresh water every day. She didn't want to eat old bread and neither did the rabbit. The rabbit was given the name Bunni, like the rabbit in the story of "Alice in Wonderland." That rabbit was also white as snow and was named Benny Bunny.

Lara took very good care of her rabbit. She gave him fresh food and water every day and always cleaned his cage. Just once did she forget to clean the cage, but luckily she remembered in the evening with enough time before she had to go to bed.

Sometimes she even took her rabbit outside. Her mother said, "If you take your rabbit outside, then watch him closely otherwise he will run away! Bunni won't know that he is not in his cage and in the evening he will look for his little house."

Draw Lara feeding her rabbit.

What did Lara have to give the rabbit everyday and why?

What was the rabbit's name?

What did Lara sometimes do with her rabbit?

Of course, Lara promised to watch her rabbit closely. Today Lara took Bunni outside again, to play in the grass in the yard.

Lara had just gotten comfortable in the grass when she noticed that someone had moved in next door. She watched how the furniture movers carried in dressers, chairs, chests and many other things into the house.

Through one of the windows, Lara saw that a girl was watching her. The girl looked very sad. Lara could understand why. When you move to a new city, you can take all of your belongings with you, just not your friends. Lara had also moved before, but she not only had to leave her friends, but also her Dad. Her parents got divorced, but Lara can visit her Dad often and she can also talk to him on the telephone.

Draw a picture of Lara watching the movers next door.

What did Lara see while outside in the meadow?

Who did Lara see in the window?

What can you take with you when you move?

Who can Lara visit and telephone often?

Lara made new friends quickly here. She smiled and waved at the girl. Maybe they could soon become friends. Lara wondered what her name was. Suddenly there was a loud crash. Lara turned her head in the direction where the noise came from. One of the moving men dropped one of the boxes. The contents were scattered all over the sidewalk. All of the dishes were broken. The lady who came out of the house was very upset with the man. Lara felt sorry for him. She once dropped a full cup of cocoa on the new carpet in the living room. Her Mother was very upset with her. Now the girl also came running out the door. But she did not stop to look at the mess. She walked directly to Lara.

Draw what happened to make the loud crash.

Why was there a loud crash?

What was scattered all over the sidewalk and why was the woman mad?

What did Lara once drop on the carpet?

Who came walking toward Lara?

Completely out of breath, the girl stopped in front of Lara. She took a couple of deep breaths and then burst out, "Your rabbit...your rabbit!" she could not say anything else. Lara wondered what the girl meant.

"Your rabbit has run away!" the girl said finally. Lara had forgotten all about Bunni. He must have gotten scared when he heard the loud crash. Panicked, Lara looked around. Maybe he was still nearby. But she couldn't see anything white.

"Did you see where he went?" Lara asked the girl. The girl pointed her finger in the direction of the corn field, which began just past the meadow. Lara turned her head and looked in that direction. How would she find such a small rabbit in such a large field?

Draw a picture describing the previous page.

What did the girl say to Lara?

Why did Bunni run away?

Which direction did Bunni run?

"Shall I help you look?" asked the girl. Lara only nodded, because she could not speak at that moment. She was very close to tears. Bravely she fought back her tears and said, "My name is Lara, what is your name?" "My name is Susanne, but everyone calls me Susi."

Susi looked toward the corn field and said, "Alone, we won't be able to find your rabbit in the big field. Do you have a few friends who could help us look?" Lara thought about who she could ask to help them look.

"I have some friends, but it is vacation time and some have gone away." Lara thought out loud, "Michael is with his parents in Florida, Heike is at her grandparents and Ramona is at the holiday camp with her club. That leaves Karin, Silvia and Matthias."

What is the name of the girl who would like to help Lara look?

Where did Heike go?

What are the names of the other children who Lara may ask to help in the search?

First, Lara and Susi went to Karin's house and rang the doorbell, but no one was home. From Karin's they went to Matthias'. His mother told them, "Matthias is at the swimming pool and will not be home until this evening." Lara groaned, "Where is everybody when you need them? We'll never find Bunni this way." One tear rolled down Lara's cheek.

Furious that she had to cry, she wiped the tears away. Susi put her arm around Lara's shoulders and said, "Let us see if Silvia is home."

Lara nodded and the two made their way to Silvia's house. They rang the doorbell, but there was no answer. Desperately, Lara rang once more. She just had to be home. Still there was no movement from inside her house. Lara's shoulders slumped, but as she turned to go somebody threw open the door.

Draw a picture of the last page.

Whose house did Lara and Susi go to first?

Where was Matthias and when was he coming home?

How many times did Lara ring the doorbell at Silvia's house?

Silvia stood at the door and looked curiously at Lara and then Susi. Lara explained what had happened and introduced Susi to her. Silvia said, "Of course I will help in the search. I will ask my brothers if they will come along too." Silvia came back five minutes later with her three brothers, Peter, Andreas and Luka, and they went out the door. The six friends made their way to the corn field to search for Bunni. When they arrived at the corn field the three girls heard the noise of a motor. It sounded as if it was coming from the other side of the field. Peter suggested, "It sounds like a combine." Andreas, his twin brother, nodded in agreement, "It doesn't just sound like a combine, it is a combine!"

Lara's tears streamed down her cheeks, as she imagined just how scared Bunny must be.

**Draw a picture of the frightened bunny
in the corn field.**

**Who does Silvia ask to help in the
search?**

How many brothers does Silvia have?

**What did Peter hear as they arrived at
the field?**

**What is the name of Peter's twin
brother?**

Lara was still crying, "Poor Bunni, poor Bunni, I should have taken better care of you." Susi said, "Someone must run over to the combines and tell the drivers what is happening." Luka said, "I can run the fastest!" And he was already gone. "Lara stop whining. You're not helping Bunni with that. Come, we must find him." said Silvia as she ran after her brother Luka. Peter and Andreas also set off in the direction of the combine. Susi took Lara's hand and together they followed the others. When they caught up, Luka was just talking to the men. When they saw Lara's tear-streaked face, they felt sorry for her and said, "We will take a coffee-break and in that time you can search the rest of the field."

Draw a picture of the last page.

Who can run the fastest?

Who was the second to take off?

Who left before Lara and Silvia?

Why did the men feel sorry for Lara and take a coffee-break?

They had finished cutting half of the field, but none of the men had seen Bunni. The children lined up in a row and walked straight across the corn field to the end. They did not see anything white flit by. Everyone's shoulders slumped. Now what? Luka, Peter, Andreas, Silvia and Susi stood helplessly and did not know how to comfort Lara.

The tears were running down Lara's face as if someone had turned on a water tap. Behind them, they heard the combine working again. Andreas said to Lara, "I guess you should give up. It would be best for you to wish for a new rabbit and watch it more closely." The four siblings went home. Susi hugged Lara tight in her arms and said, "Maybe he will come back." She felt sorry for Lara. Susi suggested, "Maybe he is already waiting in front of your house."

Draw the children searching for Bunni.

How much of the field was already cut?

How did the children search for Bunni?

Did the children find Bunni in the field?

What did Susi say to Lara?

As they arrived back at the house, there was no sign of Bunni.

Just the box that the man had dropped earlier was still laying there. Susi's mother swept the broken pieces together. When she saw the girls she motioned for them to come over. Susi introduced Lara to her mother. "Lara, you have lived here a long time, right?" asked Susi's mother. Lara nodded. "Hmm...then you might know who this belongs to." She pointed to the box. Lara wrinkled her forehead and did not understand what Susi's mother meant. "That is your box isn't it?" said Lara. Susi's mother grinned, "The box yes, but not what I found and placed inside it." With that she went to the box and tipped it a little so that the two girls could see what was in it. Bunni! Bunni sat in the box and nibbled on a carrot.

"It is my Bunni!" burst out Lara. She took him in her arms and hugged and kissed him.

Beaming, she thanked Susi's mother.
Now Lara didn't just have her Bunni back,
but she had found a new friend.

What was lying in front of the house?

Who did Lara find?

Draw the happy ending!