Emerging 1

Pre-A1 to A1

Story Quest Graded Readers

A New Friend

Sara is shy. It is her first day at school.
Will she make a new friend?



Let's Explore

- ★ Making friends
- ★ School life
- ★ Being kind

Realistic Fiction

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About this Series

This graded reader is part of Story Quest, a series that supports Moroccan students in building their English language skills. Its stories encourage curiosity, build confidence, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

The Story Quest series was developed through collaboration between the Ministry of National Education, Preschool and Sports, Curriculum Directorate, and Amideast. Together, we help students strengthen their English while opening doors to new ideas, cultures, and opportunities.

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Welcome to Story Quest!

Every story is an ADVENTURE.

- Open the book.
- Discover new words.
- Meet interesting characters.
- Explore new ideas.

And most of all... enjoy the story!



Your Reading Journey



Story Snapshot

Genre	
Realistic Fiction	These stories are about people and events that could happen in real life.

Reader Level	
1 Emerging Pre-A1 to A1	These books use simple words, short sentences, and helpful pictures.

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Look at the picture on the cover of the story. What will Lina and Sara say? Complete the sentences below.

___ 1. Hello. My name is _____.

___ 2. I am _____.

___ 3. Come with _____.

___ 4. I am _____.

a) happy
b) me
c) Lina
d) Sara

Words and Phrases to Know

Look at the pictures. Write the correct letter.

a. happy
b. classroom
c. read
d. playground
e. school
f. friend













Ready? Your **Story Quest** begins now!
Listen as you read. Enjoy the journey!

Enjoy the Story!

A New Friend



Sara is at school.
It is her first day.
She enters the classroom.
She feels lonely.



A girl smiles.
“Hello,” she says.
“My name is Lina.”

Sara smiles.
“Hi. I am Sara.”

At break time, Lina says,
“Come with me.”





They go to the
playground.
They talk.
They laugh.

Sara is happy now.
She has a new friend.



Check your Comprehension

A. Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

____ Sara is happy now.

____ Lina says hello.

____ They go to the playground.

____ Sara is at school.

B. Answer the questions.

1. Who says "Hi"?

   a) Sara b) Lina c) the teacher

2. Where do the girls go?

   a) class b) shop c) the playground

3. What do the girls do?

   a) sleep b) play and laugh c) cry

4. How does Sara feel at the end?

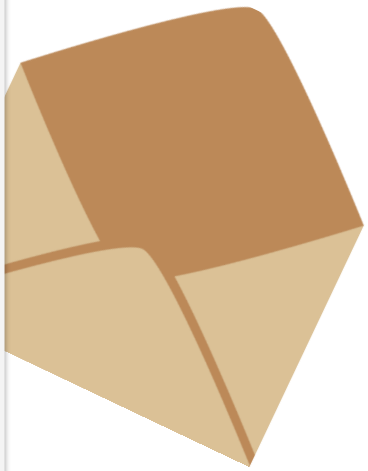
   a) happy b) sad c) angry

Make Connections

Be a Friend!

Draw a friendship card with the title "A New Friend."
Include:

- one greeting
- a kind sentence to say to a new friend
- one small drawing



Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

1. c or d
2. c or d
3. b
4. a

Words and Phrases to Know

1. e
2. b
3. f
4. d
5. a
6. c

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

A. Order

4 Sara is happy now.
2 Lina says hello.
3 They go to the playground.
1 Sara is at school.

B. Answer

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. a

Make Connections

Sample Answer:

Greeting: Hello, my friend!

Kind sentences:
- Welcome to our school.
- Let's play together.

Drawing: A simple drawing of two friends holding hands.