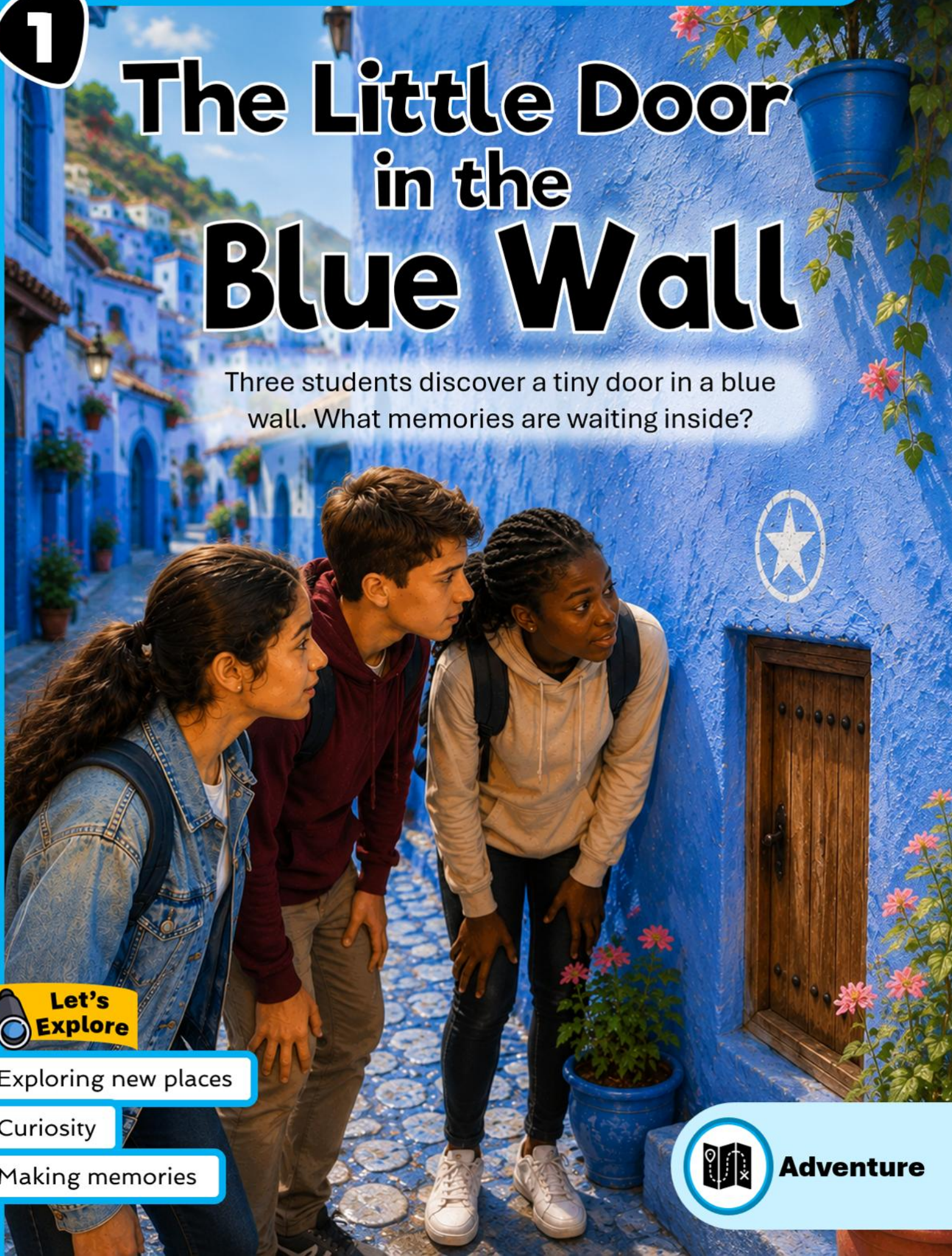
Emerging 1

Pre-A1 to A1

Story Quest Graded Readers

The Little Door in the Blue Wall

Three students discover a tiny door in a blue wall. What memories are waiting inside?



Let's Explore

- ★ Exploring new places
- ★ Curiosity
- ★ Making memories

Adventure

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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	
Adventure	In these stories, characters face challenges, solve problems, and discover new things.

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 cover of the story. Read the title. What can you predict about the story?

1 Where are the students?

a) in a market b) in a blue street c) in a big city

2 What do you think the students will discover?

a) a lost cat b) a new friend c) something special

Words and Phrases to Know

Match the words to the pictures. Write the letter.

a. a window
b. steps
c. a notebook
d. a message
e. a door
f. a narrow lane
g. a postcard



Ready? Your **Story Quest** begins now!

Listen as you read. Enjoy the journey!

Enjoy the Story!

The Little Door in the Blue Wall

The blue streets of Chefchaouen are quiet. The mountain air is cool. Three students walk together after dinner. They are happy.



They are visiting Morocco for an international school project. Yasmine is from Morocco. Leo is from Spain. Mariama is from Senegal.



They turn into a narrow lane. Suddenly, Leo stops.

"Look!" he says.



There is a tiny wooden door in a blue wall, under a small window. Above the little door is a white star inside a circle.

"What is it?" asks Mariama.

Yasmine touches the little door. It feels old. She pushes it gently. The door opens.



Behind the door are stone steps. The steps go up into the dark.

The friends look at each other. Nobody speaks. Then Leo turns on his phone light.



Yasmine takes a deep breath. She takes the first step.

Slowly, they walk up the steps.



At the top of the stairs, they find a small room.

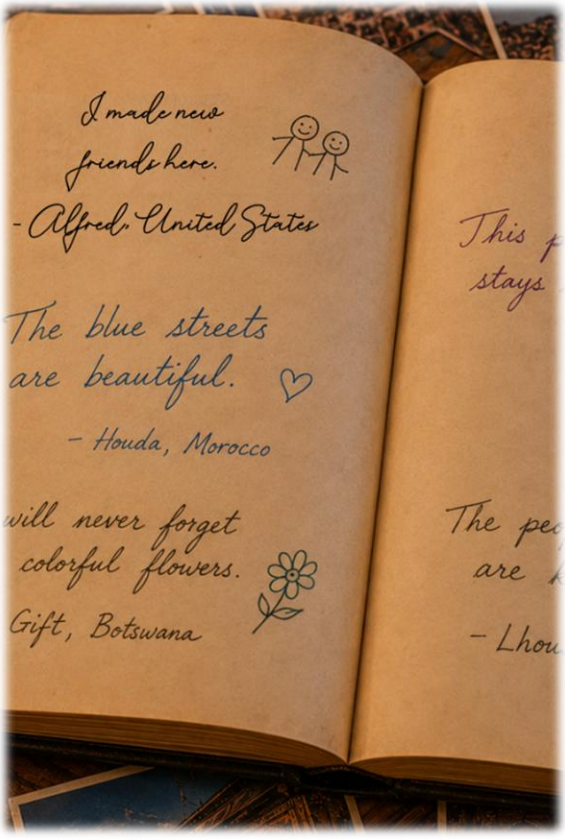
There are old maps of Morocco. There are black-and-white photos. There are books.

On the table, there are postcards from around the world.

And there is a big notebook.

The three friends look at the notebook. They see messages from people all over the world.





They read the messages together.

"I made new friends here.

- Alfred, United States"

"The blue streets are beautiful.

- Houda, Morocco"

"I will never forget the colorful flowers.

- Gift, Botswana"

"This place stays in your heart.

- Aiko, Japan"

"The people here are kind.

- Lhoussaine, Morocco"

On the last page, Yasmine reads:

"Every city is full of memories. Leave one of yours."

The three friends smile. They each write in the notebook.





They leave the special room. They look again at the little door and its white star. Now it holds a memory for them, too.

Now every little door, window, and narrow lane looks different.

What else will they discover in Chefchaouen?

Keep Exploring!



Check your Comprehension

A. Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

____ The friends read messages from around the world.

____ The friends find a little door.

____ The friends write in the notebook.

____ The friends walk up the stone steps.

____ The friends discover a special room.

B. Complete the sentences. Use ideas from the story.

open the door	different	a special room	a special memory

1. The students are curious, so they _____.
2. The little door leads to _____.
3. The students each write _____ in the notebook.
4. At the end of the story, the city looks _____.

Make Connections

Imagine you visit a place you love.

Draw a picture of the things you love about the place.

Write a message in the place's memory book below.

Place: _____

My message: _____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____



Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

1. b
2. Answers will vary.

Words and Phrases to Know

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

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

A. Order

4- The friends read messages from around the world.
1- The friends find a little door.
5- The friends write in the notebook.
2- The friends walk up the stone steps.
3- The friends discover a special room.

B. Answer

1. open the door
2. a special room
3. a special memory
4. different

Make Connections

Sample Answer:

Drawings will vary.



Place: My village

My message:
I love my village. My grandparents live here. I like to listen to their stories.