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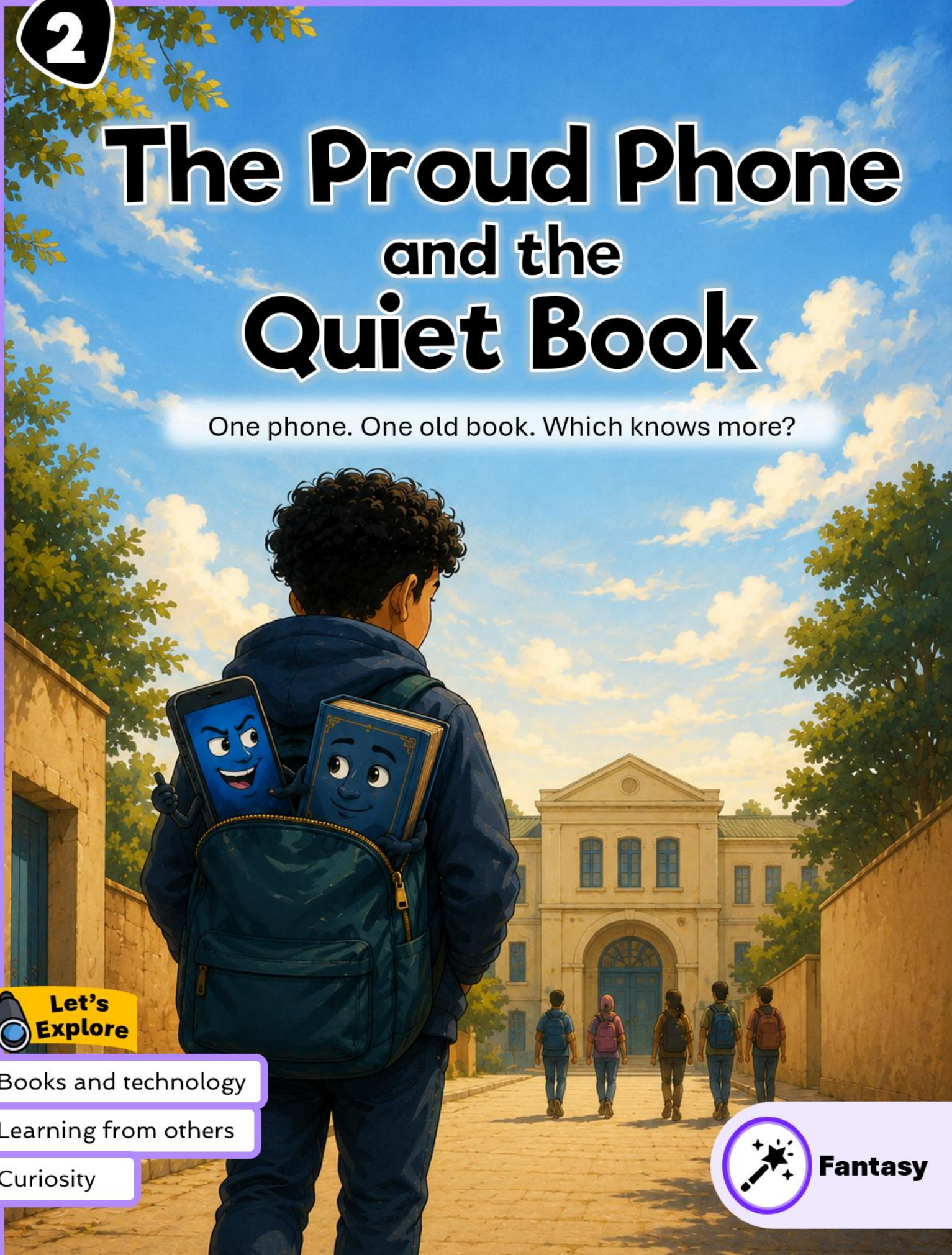
Story Quest Graded Readers

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A1 to A1+

The Proud Phone and the Quiet Book

One phone. One old book. Which knows more?



Let's Explore

- ★ Books and technology
- ★ Learning from others
- ★ Curiosity

Fantasy

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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

Fantasy

These stories include magic, imaginary worlds, or things that cannot happen in real life.

Reader Level

2 Developing
A1 to A1+

These books have longer stories, new words, and more interesting characters to discover.

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Look at the title and the picture on the cover. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

This story is about:

❑ a backpack ❑ a school trip ❑ a phone and a book

I think the story is:

❑ funny 😆 ❑ sad 😢 ❑ exciting 🤩

Words and Phrases to Know

Match the words to the pictures. Write the letter.

a. warm

b. farmer

c. shocked

d. whisper

e. artist

f. sailor



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

🎧 Listen as you read. Enjoy the journey!

Enjoy the Story!

The Proud Phone and the Quiet Book

Inside Sifaw's schoolbag, there is a shiny new phone. Next to it is an old blue book.

"I am the best thing in this bag!" says the Phone. "I play music. I show videos. I find answers in seconds!"

The Book says nothing. It sits quietly next to a pencil case.





At school, Sifaw puts the Phone and the Book on his desk.

The teacher asks a question:

"Why do birds fly to warm places in winter?"

"I know everything!" says the Phone. It searches and searches... but there is no internet connection in the classroom!

"Oh no!" says the Phone. "I cannot find the answer."

The quiet Book slowly opens its pages. "Look on page twenty," it whispers.





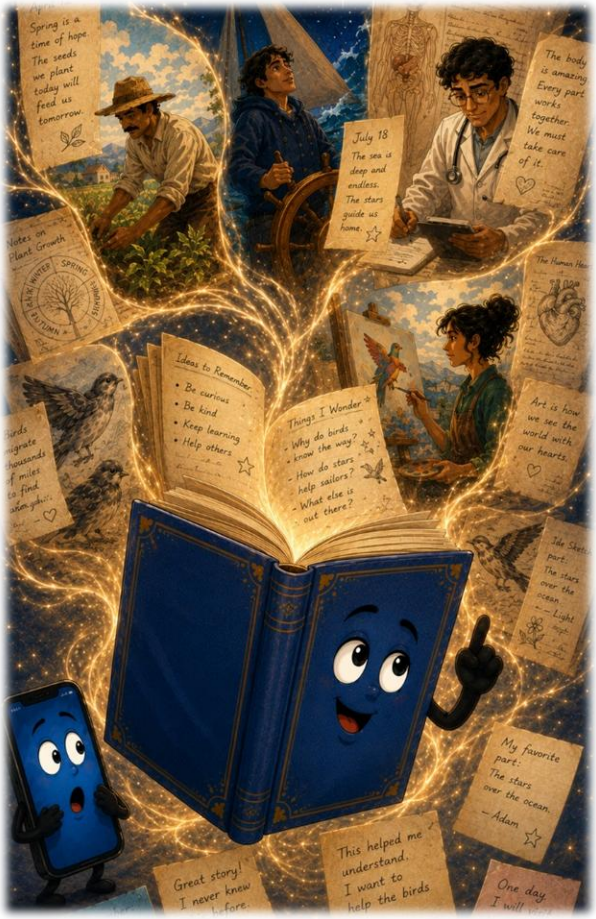
Sifaw reads the page. "Birds fly to warm places for food and warmth!" he tells the class.

"Excellent!" says the teacher.

The Phone is shocked. "How did you know that, Book?"

The Book smiles. "I am very old," it says. "Look inside me."

“A farmer wrote about the seasons. A sailor wrote about the sea and the stars. A doctor wrote about the body. An artist drew the pictures. And different people who read me wrote notes about what they want to remember.”



“Every page has a story,” says the Book. “Not just about birds but about many other things, too.”

Sifaw turns the pages slowly. He sees words. He sees pictures. He sees small notes in the corners of the pages.



The Phone feels surprised. "I have one answer. You have a hundred years of people's knowledge."

From that day on, every night, Sifaw reads one page of his old blue book, wondering who wrote it.

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

Read the sentences about the story. Tick (✓) the correct answer. If you don't know, tick "unsure".

True	False	Unsure	
☐	☐	☐	1. The Phone finds the answer on the internet.
☐	☐	☐	2. The Book is very old.
☐	☐	☐	3. A farmer wrote about the seas.
☐	☐	☐	4. The Book is happy at the end.
☐	☐	☐	5. At the end, Sifaw likes his book more than before.

Make Connections

Complete the sentences.

Imagine you have the magic book from the story!

Hello, Book! I want to know about

_____.

(example: animals, the sea, my country, food)

I think the book will say to me

_____.

I think the oldest note somebody wrote in the book says

_____.

Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

This story is about: **a phone and a book**
I think the story is: **funny** or **exciting**.

Words and Phrases to Know

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

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

1. False; There is no internet connection in the classroom.
2. True; The Book says, "I am very old."
3. False; The sailor wrote about the sea and the stars.
4. True; Hint: Look at the picture!
5. True; He decides to read every night.

Make Connections

Sample answers:

- Hello, Book! I want to know about the best tagine recipe in the world.
- I think the book will say to me: Hey! Hey! Put your phone down. Remember me!!!
- I think the oldest note somebody wrote in the book says: I got married in this town. It is my favorite place.