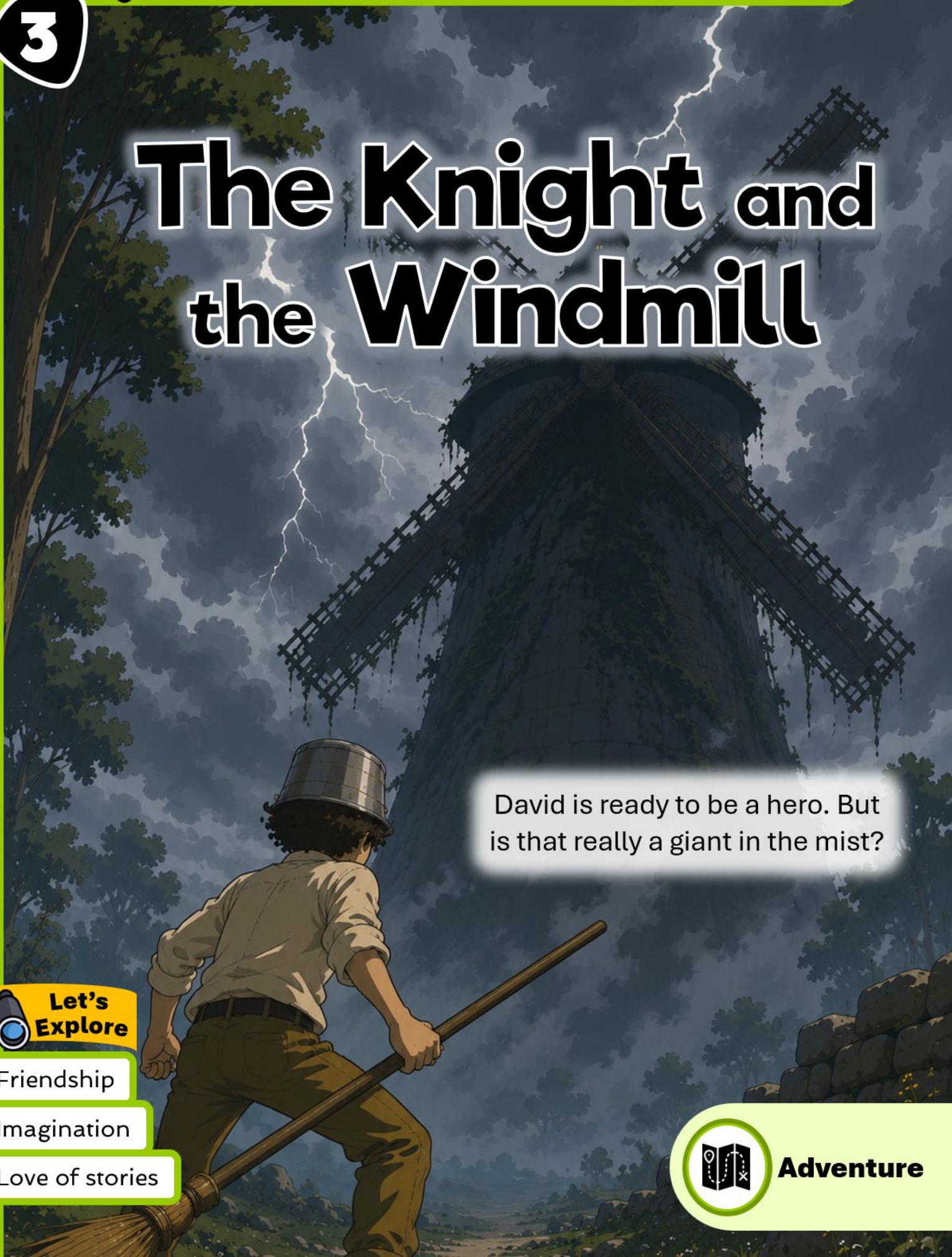
Expanding 3

A2 to A2+

Story Quest Graded Readers

The Knight and the Windmill



David is ready to be a hero. But is that really a giant in the mist?

Let's Explore

- ★ Friendship
- ★ Imagination
- ★ Love of stories

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

3 Expanding
A2 to A2+

These books have longer stories, more detail, and richer language to explore.

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Look at the cover. Imagine you are one of the characters, and tick (✓) or write your answers below.

I can see:	I can hear:	It looks:	I feel:
❑ a tall shape	❑ the wind	❑ scary	❑ excited
❑ a windmill	❑ strange sounds	❑ strange	❑ afraid
❑ fog	❑ nothing	❑ enormous	❑ curious
❑ _____	❑ _____	❑ _____	❑ _____

In the story, I predict _____ will _____.

Words and Phrases to Know

Match each word with its meaning. Write the letter.

___ 1. enormous
___ 2. helmet
___ 3. windmill
___ 4. loyal
___ 5. knight
___ 6. in the mist

a) always supporting someone; being a true friend
b) in the fog
c) a soldier who served a king long ago
d) very, very big; huge
e) a hard hat that protects a soldier's or knight's head
f) a tall building with large sails that turn in the wind

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

Enjoy the Story!

The Knight and the Windmill



In a quiet village, a boy named David spent all his free time reading under an old olive tree. He read about brave knights, terrible monsters, and secret castles. His head was always full of exciting adventures.

One sunny morning, David decided to become a real hero. He put a metal cooking pot on his head like a helmet and grabbed a wooden broom.



"Today, I am Sir David, the bravest knight in the world!" he announced proudly.

His best friend, Adam, laughed. "And what am I?"

"You are my loyal helper," David smiled. "Every great knight needs a good friend."

The two boys walked along the dusty village road, looking for danger. David carried his broom like a sharp sword. Adam carried a heavy bag with bread, cheese, and water.



Soon, the road became quiet. Dark clouds filled the sky. David and Adam reached a wide, lonely field.



The wind began to blow hard. In the distance, a tall, dark windmill turned slowly. Through the gray mist, it looked strange and scary.

David stopped. His eyes went wide.

“Look, Adam! A giant! An enormous giant with four terrible arms!”

Adam looked carefully, “David, stop! That is only the old village windmill.”

But David did not listen. He wanted to save the village. He ran across the grass, waving his broom.



"Stop, you terrible monster!" David shouted. A strong storm wind blew across the field. The windmill's giant sails turned faster and faster. David got closer and…. Whoosh!

One heavy wooden sail caught his broom. The broom flew high into the sky, while David went flying through the air!

"David!" Adam screamed, running after him.



David crashed into a large pile of soft hay. For a second, everything was completely still.

Adam reached the pile. "Are you hurt?"

David sat up slowly, with yellow hay in his hair and dust on his face. Then he smiled.

"No," he whispered, "but that giant is much stronger than I expected!"

As the sudden storm passed, the sun came out and the mist cleared.

Adam pointed at the windmill. "Look again, Sir David. It is still just a windmill."

David looked closely at the stone walls and the turning sails. The scary monster was gone. He began to laugh. Adam laughed too.

"I made a big mistake," David admitted, "but I stood my ground."

"That is true," Adam smiled. "You were very brave…and a little silly."





They sat beside the windmill and shared their lunch.

On the way home, David carried his broken broom like a trophy.

"Tomorrow," David whispered excitedly, "we will find a real dragon."

Adam smiled. "Fine," he said. "But first, we will make sure it is not a cow!"

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

Put the events of David's adventure in order. Write numbers from 1 to 6.

____ a) David attacks the windmill.

____ b) David and Adam share their lunch.

____ c) David dresses like a knight.

____ d) A windmill sail catches David's broom.

____ e) David lands in a pile of hay.

____ f) David thinks the windmill is a giant.

Make Connections

David loves adventure stories so much that they change how he sees the real world.

- Think of a book, movie, or game you love.
- Choose a character, creature, object, or place from it.
- Draw it somewhere in real life: at your school, in your neighborhood, at home, or somewhere else.

Look! There's a _____

at/ in _____!

What happens next? _____

_____

_____

Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Answers will vary.

Sample predictions: I think there will be a storm / the boys will explore the windmill.

Words and Phrases to Know

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

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

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

Make Connections

Answers will vary.