

That's what friends are for

Jane and Mandu were riding their bikes near the river. Jane was riding fast. As she was going down the hill, she rode faster and faster. Mandu said, "Slow down, Jane! Slow down! You are riding too fast!"

Suddenly Jane hit a sharp rock. She looked down and saw her tyre was flat. "Oh no!" she cried. "I have a puncture!" "Don't worry, Jane," Mandu replied. "I will help you fix it." But Mandu and Jane forgot to bring the pump.

Mandu said, "I will ride home and fetch my pump and repair kit." Mandu rode back home leaving Jane with her dog. "I will never ride without my pump again," Jane muttered to herself.

Jane waited and waited and waited. She felt very hungry and thirsty. "Soon it will be dark," she thought.

Then Jane saw Mandu riding down the road with her brother Dumisani. Jane was very happy to see them. "I am so glad you are back!" shouted Jane.

Dumisani helped the two girls repair and pump the tyre. Then he said, "Let's go home before it gets very dark."

The children rode back home in the moonlight. It was a long ride. They could hear the frogs croaking and the owls hooting. They could hear the crickets chirping and the mice squeaking.

"Home at last!" said Jane as she gave Mandu a hug. "Thank you Mandu," she said. "You are a good friend!" "That's what friends are for," Mandu said.

Good friends help each other!

I. Vocabulary

friends	riding	bike	tyre	pump
puncture	repair	hungry	thirsty	muttered
moonlight	hooting	croaking	chirping	squeaking

2. Answer the questions about the story.

Remember to answer in full sentences.

a) Who were riding their bikes near the river?

b) Jane was riding _____ and _____ .

c) What happened to Jane's bike?

d) What did they both forgot to take with them?

e) Do you think Mandu was a good friend?

Why do you say that?

f) Who came with Mandu to help Jane?

3. Fill in the sound each one makes:

frogs		owls	
crickets		mice	

4. Re-write the sentence into present tense:

Jane was very happy to see them.

5. Find a word in the story that has the same meaning (synonyms) than the given word.

fix		glad	
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6. Find a word in the story that has the opposite meaning (antonyms) than the given word.

slow		remember	
up		whispered	

7. Creative Writing:

What happened in the story? Write a paragraph of 5-6 sentences.

*Do not copy the story. Use your own sentences.
Remember sentences in a paragraph follows each other and is not written under each other.*

Draw a picture about the story



It's my bird

Today Sipho's father went to town. He asked Sipho and his friend Jim to watch over the sheep in the field. Soon the two friends became bored.

Jim: Let's look for a bird's nest.

Sipho: Yes, then we can hatch the eggs and have baby birds.

The two boys looked up into the trees. They saw a small nest high in a tree. Jim climbed the tree to get the nest but fell and hurt his leg. "You climb, Sipho, you are smaller and lighter," said Jim. But the nest was too high and Sipho also fell from the tree.

While they were resting under the tree, a beautiful yellow and red bird flew down and sat on a log near the two boys.

Jim: Wow! Look at that! That's my bird!

Sipho: No, it's mine! I saw it first!

Jim: No Sipho, I am bigger than you and so it's mine!

Jim: I've already got a cage at home for the bird. So the bird is mine.

Sipho: Oh no! It's mine. My bird will sit on my shoulder.

And then Sipho's father came back.

Father: What are you boys shouting about?

Sipho: Jim wants my bird!

Father: What bird?

Jim: Oh no! It's gone!

Father: And where are all the sheep?

It is not good to be jealous.

I. Vocabulary

sheep	watch	bored	hatched	climbed
bird	smaller	lighter	resting	beautiful
cage	shoulder	father	shouting	jealous

2. Colour the words in the vocabulary-box that has the "tch" sound in it. Then write your own sentence with each of them.

3. Fill in the missing prepositions.

The nest is ____ the tree.

They were resting _____ the tree.

The bird sat _____ the log.

4. Re-write the sentence into past tense:

Sipho and his friend Jim watch over the sheep in the field.

5. Answer the questions about the story in full sentences.

a) Who was watching the sheep?

b) What were they looking for in the tree?

c) What happened to them when they climbed in the tree?

d) What did the bird on the log looked like?

e) What were the boys shouting about?

f) Who did the bird belong to?

g) Do you think it's good to be jealous if someone has something that you don't?
