

THEME & PURPOSE

Q2 · Wk3

Grade 3

Maya Stands Up for Her Friend

COURAGE

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Maya and Iris had been best friends since second grade. They did everything together at recess. One morning in art class, something happened that changed everything.
- 2 During art time, the girls were painting flowers. Iris made a beautiful painting with purple petals and yellow centers. She was so proud of her work. But then Lucas walked by and laughed loudly at her painting. "That doesn't look like a real flower," he said. "It's ugly." Iris's face turned red. She put down her paintbrush and looked down at her desk. Other kids started to laugh too.
- 3 Maya felt angry and sad for her friend. She knew what she had to do, even though it scared her a little. Maya stood up from her seat. Her heart was beating fast. "Stop," Maya said in a steady voice. "Iris's flower is beautiful. You shouldn't say mean things about people's work." The classroom became quiet. Lucas looked surprised. He didn't say anything back.
- 4 After that day, something wonderful happened. More students started being kinder to each other. The teacher even told Maya how brave she was. Iris hugged Maya and said, "Thank you for standing up for me. You're a real friend." Maya learned that being brave doesn't mean you're not scared. It means doing the right thing even when it's hard. She felt proud of herself for helping her friend.
- 5 Maya and Iris's friendship grew even stronger. They continued to paint together at art time. They also helped other kids when they heard mean words. Both girls understood that courage makes the world kinder.

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What did the character learn?

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ANSWER KEY

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