

A Garden of Friendship

Learning objective: To understand the importance of positive relationships and how to be a supportive friend.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences where appropriate.

In the vibrant meadow where they live, Nova the owl and Max the monkey often work together to solve tricky problems. Nova loves to observe the stars, while Max enjoys counting the patterns in the petals of the wildflowers. One afternoon, Max felt frustrated because he couldn't quite finish his maths puzzle. Instead of ignoring him, Nova landed gently on a nearby branch. She listened patiently as Max explained his struggle, showing true empathy. Nova then helped Max by suggesting they look at the shapes in the flowers together, which helped Max see the puzzle from a new perspective. Because they trusted one another, they turned a difficult moment into a successful afternoon. This is the heart of a healthy relationship: being there for each other, listening without judgement, and offering help when it is needed most. Whether at school or in the meadow, showing respect and kindness makes every friendship grow stronger. Just like a garden needs water and light to bloom, friendships need care, honesty, and shared time to stay healthy and happy.

Word bank: cooperation · supportive · empathy · respect · trust · kindness

1. What activity were Nova and Max doing when Max felt frustrated? (2 marks)

2. How did Nova help Max when he was struggling with his puzzle? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Nova chose to listen patiently to Max instead of flying away? (2 marks)

4. What does the author mean when they say friendships are like a garden that needs 'water and light' to bloom? (2 marks)

5. In your opinion, which quality mentioned in the text is the most important for a good friendship and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova and Max working together in the meadow. Show them sharing a kind moment while they look at the flowers.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a list of three 'Golden Rules' that you think would help keep a friendship strong and happy.