

Valentina's kite

Reading · Lectura en inglés americano (cuento): La cometa de Valentina

Last Saturday, Valentina and her grandfather made a kite. They used colored paper, two thin sticks and a long piece of string. Valentina painted a big yellow sun on it because yellow is her favorite color.

In the afternoon, they went up a hill near their village. It was very windy. Valentina ran fast, and the kite flew up into the sky. "Look, Grandpa! It's flying!" she shouted.

Then something terrible happened. A strong wind blew and the string broke. The kite flew away over the trees. Valentina was very sad. "Don't worry," said her grandfather. "We're going to find it."

They walked down the hill and looked everywhere. After that, they arrived at a small farm, where a boy was feeding some goats. "Did you see a kite with a yellow sun?" asked Valentina. "Yes! It's in the big tree behind my house," said the boy. "I'm Omar. Come with me!"

Omar brought a ladder, and Valentina's grandfather climbed up carefully. He took the kite out of the tree. It had a small hole, but the sticks weren't broken.

Valentina thanked Omar and invited him to fly the kite with them. At home, they repaired the hole with paper and glue. Next Saturday, they are going to fly the kite again, and Omar is going to come too!



Word bank · Vocabulario

kite: papalote

string: hilo

thin sticks: palitos delgados

hill: cerro

windy: con mucho viento

blew (blow): sopló (soplar)

broke (break): se rompió (romperse)

was feeding some goats:

estaba dando de comer a unas cabras

ladder: escalera de mano

carefully: con cuidado

glue: pegamento

We're going to find it.: Vamos a encontrarla.

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Lee y escribe T (verdadero) o F (falso).

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☐ T ☐ F

2. It was very windy on the hill.

☐ T ☐ F

3. The kite fell into a river.

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4. Omar was feeding some goats.

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b) Because Valentina let it go.
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3. Who climbed the ladder?

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3 Put the story in order.

Ordena la historia.

1. Number the sentences from 1 to 5.

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- ☐ The kite flew up into the sky.
- ☐ They repaired the hole at home.
- ☐ Valentina and her grandfather made a kite.
- ☐ Omar told them where the kite was.

4 Write about you and finish the story.

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Open answer · Respuesta libre

Respuesta libre. Ejemplo: Omar flew the kite very high. Then a dog ran after it and barked. After that, the three of them had a picnic on the hill.