

Educational Tales for Children
From 8 to 10 years

Flying High



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Preface

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.

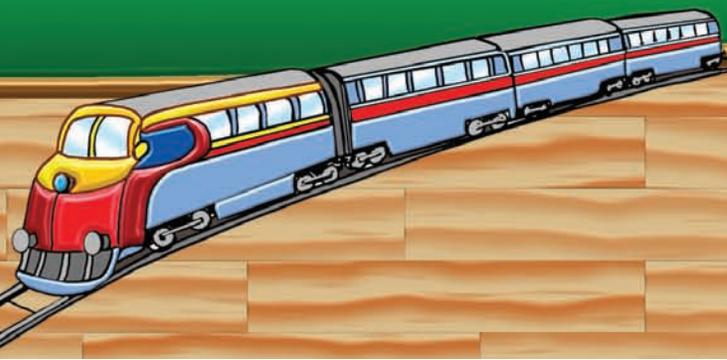
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Rami sat in front the computer screen for some time, but he soon became bored. He wanted to do something really interesting and different.

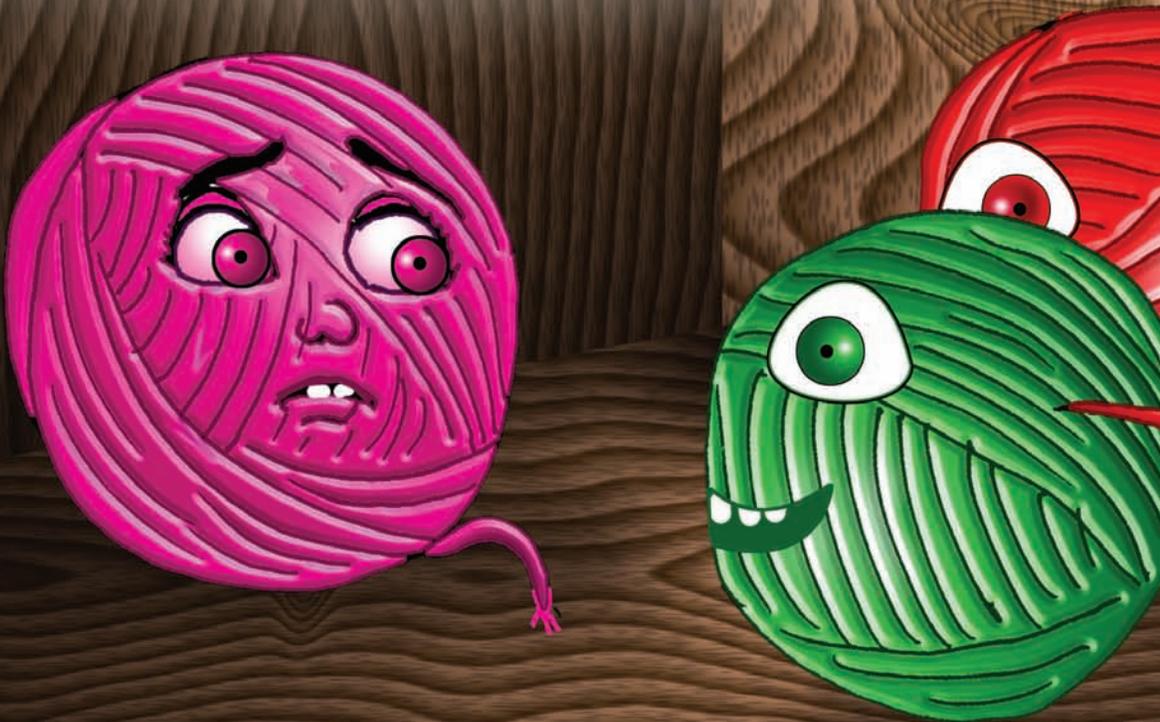
He went to his father's shop "Gift and Toy Heaven." He tried a moving train that whistled, and he played with a remote-controlled car in a racetrack.

"I want something different."



The pink ball of yarn in the closet heard him. It also wanted to do something really interesting and different.

It almost yelled to let Rami know its desire, but its companions, the balls of yarn, prevented it.



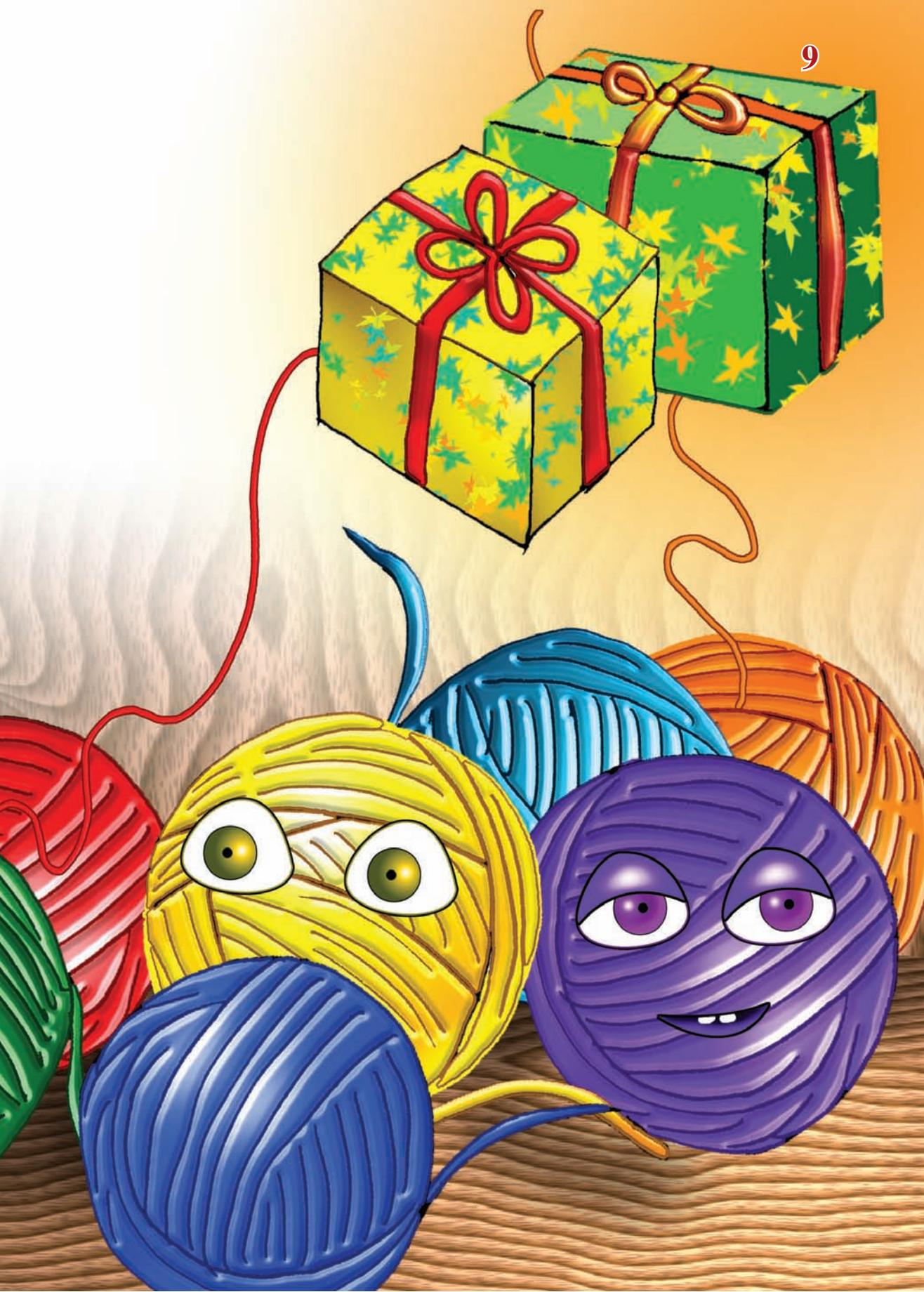
“What are you doing? Isn’t it beautiful that we are yarn, tied to boxes and gifts wrapped with glittering paper?”



The days passed, and the pink ball had a hard time. It hid itself far away so that it could not be cut or tied to the gifts. It stayed rolled up in a corner of the dark closet.

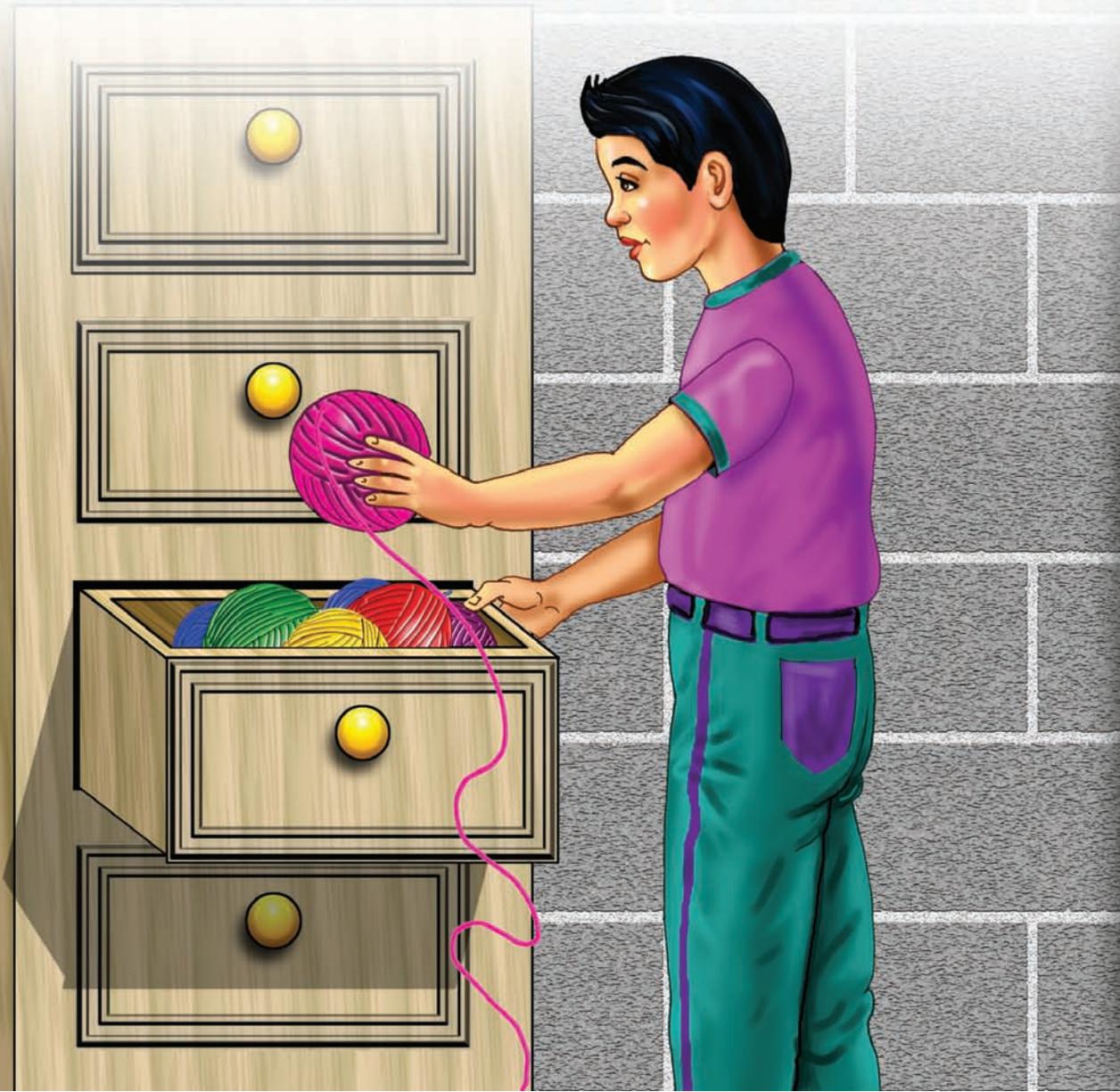
One day, it heard Rami say, "I want some strings for my kite."





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The pink ball trembled and began to roll itself out. It released its string from its loose end. The great day had arrived!



When Rami opened the closet, he found pink yarn before him and took it. He began to make a long tail for his kite.



What a wonderful feeling the ball of yarn had when it saw Rami tie its string to the back of the kite. It was time to fly high.



Rami carried his kite and headed to a downtown square. "The place is wide, and the wind will carry it up," Rami thought.



In front of the house, the boys were playing a game of “fire drivers” with their remote-controlled cars.

“What are you carrying Rami? A kite? What a silly game it is! Where is your car? Come and race with us!”



Rami ignored them. He wanted to do something different.



In the green playground, some boys were playing football. They called him to play with them, but he kept walking.



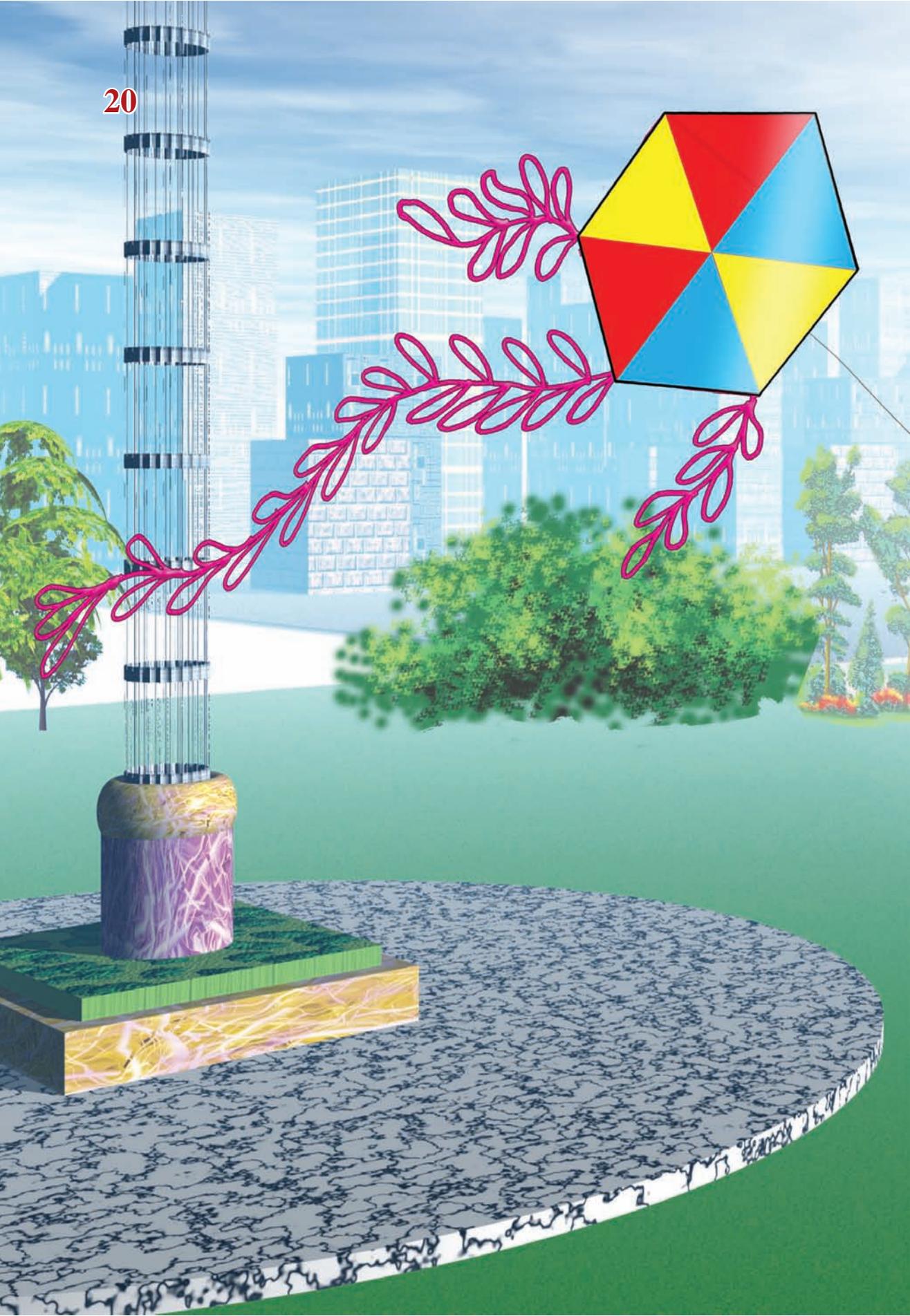
In the downtown playground, Rami whispered, "My kite must fly above the tower. Come on!"





The ball of yarn whispered, “What a good feeling it is! Finally, I will fly in the sky. I am tired of the darkness of the closet.” Rami ran holding the tail of the kite and began to loosen the string, making it longer and longer, but the kite didn’t fly.





Then a strong breeze blew, and Rami ran with the kite. It started to go high. When he loosened the string, it hovered higher.

“Hurray! You did it, Rami!” the ball of yarn whispered, “What a kind boy you are! I wish I could carry you with me.”



After a while, a strong wind blew, and the kite flew high above the town tower. Then, it fell and got stuck in the tower.

The ball of yarn laughed and said, "A man cannot observe the world from the top of a tower."

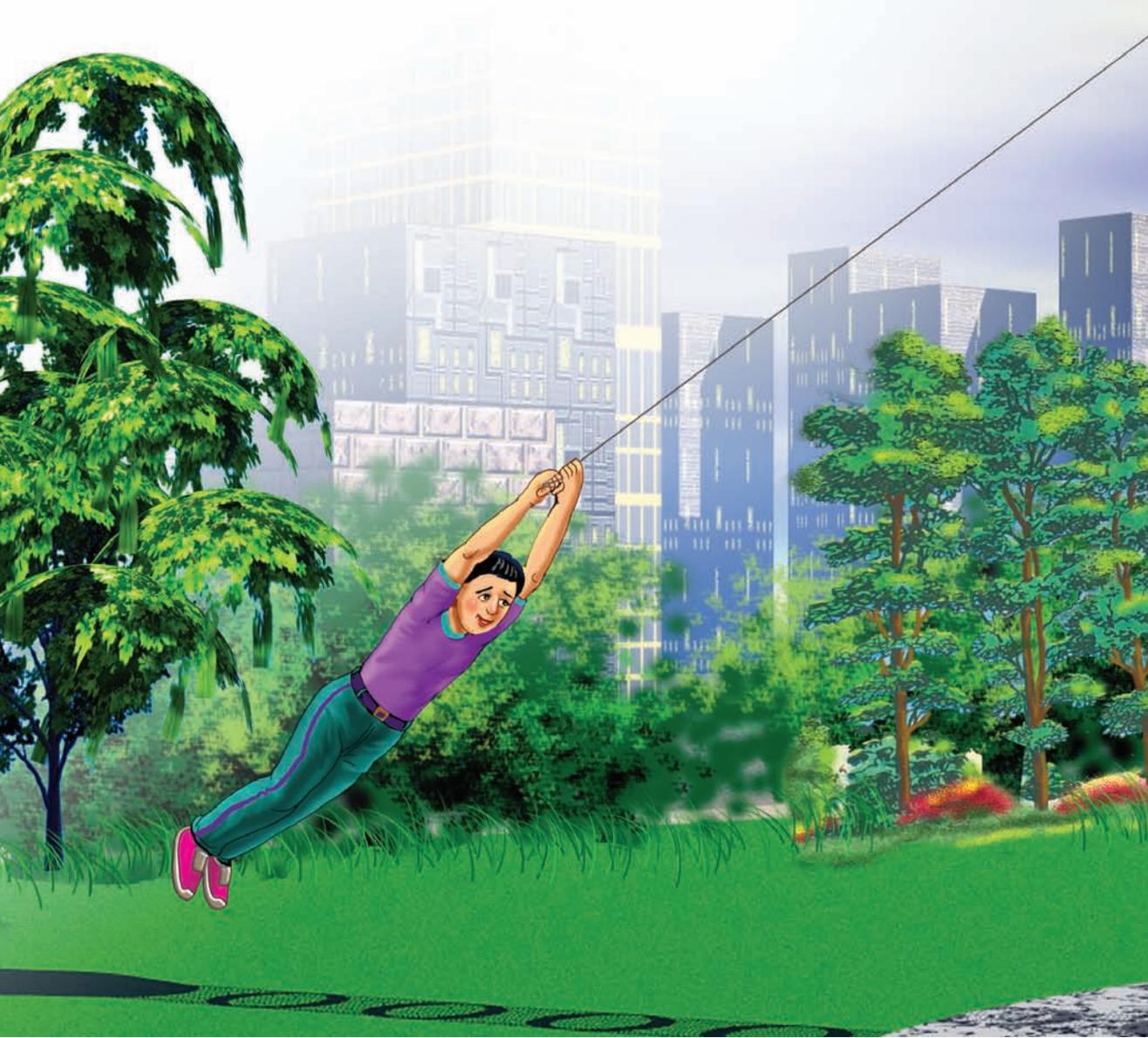
"It is really exciting!"

When it looked down, it found Rami observing it with sadness. It said, "I wish I could carry you with me."





Rami began to pull on the long string, trying to recover his kite. Suddenly, the wind became stronger and carried the kite up. Rami was holding its string. He shouted, "Mommy!"



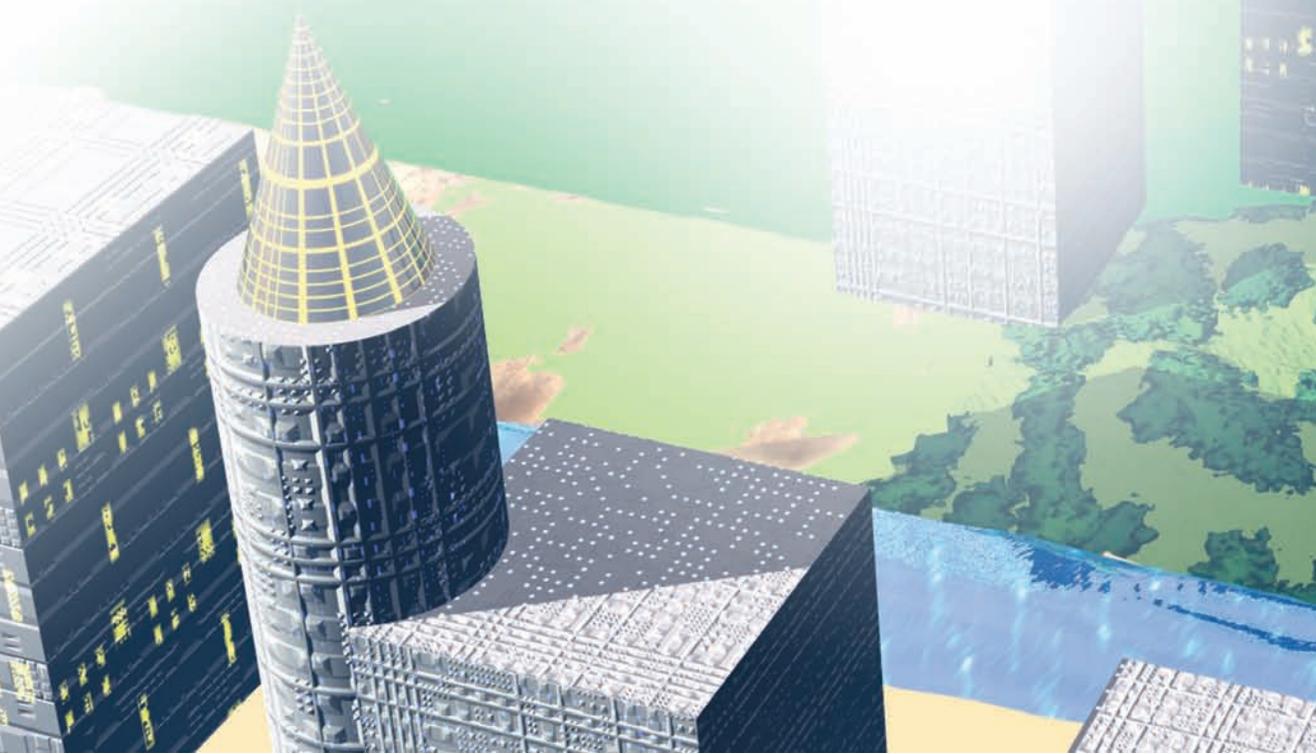


The ball of yarn shouted, "Don't be afraid, Rami. I will tie you to the tail of the kite, and you will not fall."

The view of the ground was amazing.

The boy could see his house and his grandmother's house in the other part of the town, in addition to his school and the green playground.

The kite flew with Rami above the town.



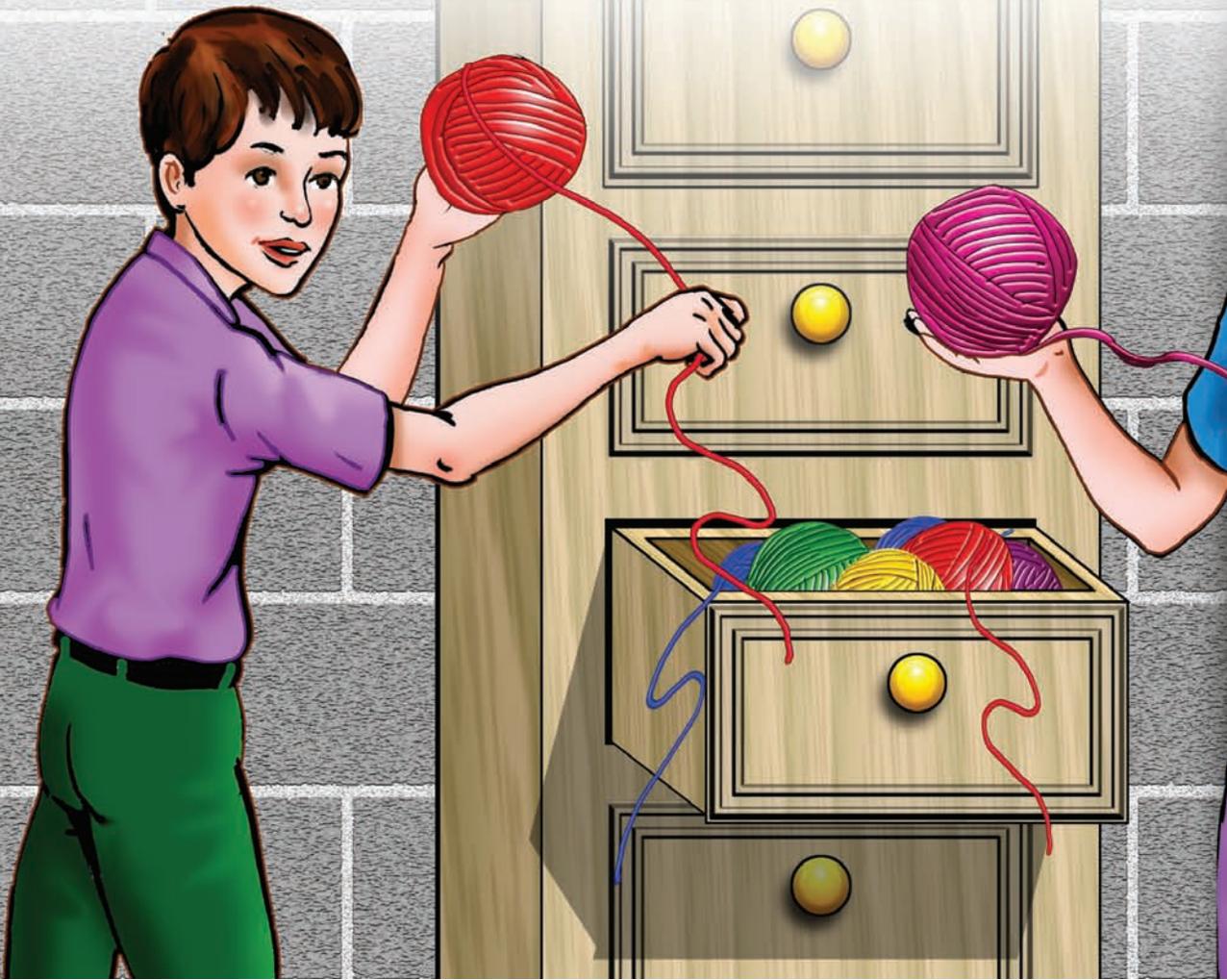


The ball of yarn whispered again, "Hurray!" when it flew above the green playground. Astonished, the boys gazed at the sky. Then, the wind died. The kite landed on the playground, and the boys surrounded Rami, shouting.





The boys ran to the shop “Gift and Toy Heaven.” They asked for strings for their kites. All the balls of yarn rolled, and they started to release their strings.



They heard how interesting the adventure of the pink ball of yarn was. And now, it was their turn. Why not?

The wind picked up, and the boys ran.



Everyone held his kite tail. The parents shouted, "Where to? Do not go far! Your toys are better."

But the wind carried up the kites that lifted the boys high.

"It is really interesting and different..."



I. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Rami go to his father's shop?

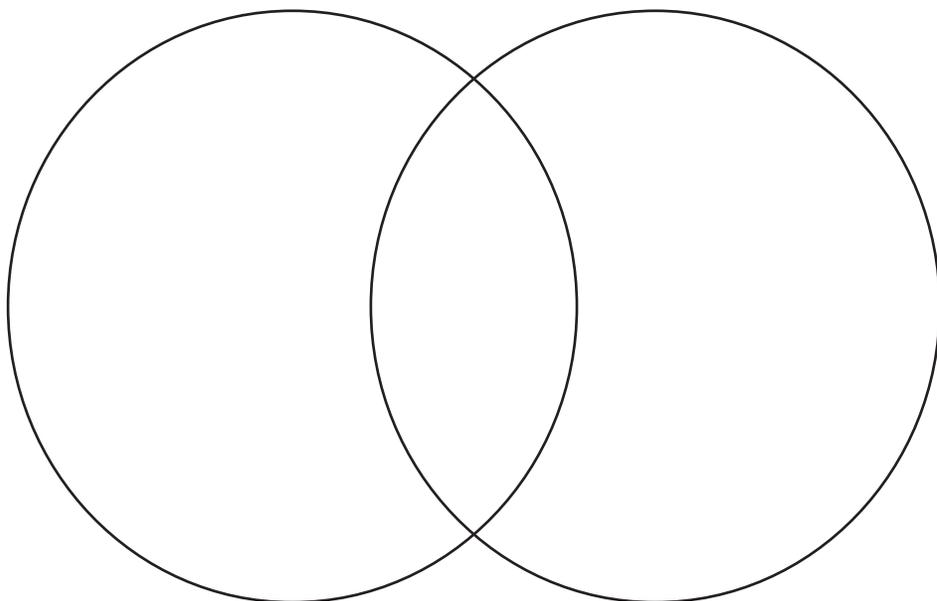
2. How are Rami and the pink ball of yarn alike?

3. Did the pink yarn like to be used for wrapping gifts? Refer to page 8 and pick a piece of evidence to support your answer.

4. What were the boys playing when Rami wanted to play with his kite?

5. How do you think the kids felt when they flew up with their kites? Explain.

II. Fill in the Venn diagram to compare and contrast the pink ball of yarn and its companions.



III. Circle the correct answer.

1. When the pink yarn knew that Rami wanted some strings for his kite,
- a. it hid in the corner of the drawer.
 - b. it told its companions.
 - c. it rolled itself out.
 - d. it felt scared.

2. Because the pink ball released its string, I could tell that it was

- a. afraid b. excited c. annoyed d. angry

3. Rami decided to head to a downtown square because

- a. there were many children there.
b. there were lights.
c. the wind would carry the kite up.
d. it was sunny there.

4. Which of these events can never happen in real life?

- a. Rami's kite flew high.
b. Rami's father has a toy store.
c. The kite carried Rami with it.
d. The kids laughed at Rami.

5. Rami was sad because

- a. his friends laughed at him.
b. his father did not give him a toy.
c. he could not find a string to tie the kite.
d. he could not go up with the kite.

6. Which of these things Rami did not see when the kite pulled him up?

a. his house

b. his father's shop

c. his school

d. his grandmother's house

7. The genre of the story is

a. non-fiction

b. realistic fiction

c. a biography

d. a fantasy

IV. Explain how the kids' feelings towards Rami's kite changed.

Use evidence from the story to support your answer.
