



## Themes: Fear & Friendship

**Guiding Question:** How do your friends support you when you are afraid? Who can you turn to when you feel worried, fearful, or stressed about something? How does this person help you?

Write a complete sentence for each of the following vocabulary words. Use the definitions provided to make sure you are using these words correctly!



**canopy** (pg. 1): n., a protective covering that acts like a roof, often made of fabric or leaves

shard (pg. 4): n., a thin, sharp, broken piece of something

content (pg. 4): adj., feeling satisfied and happy

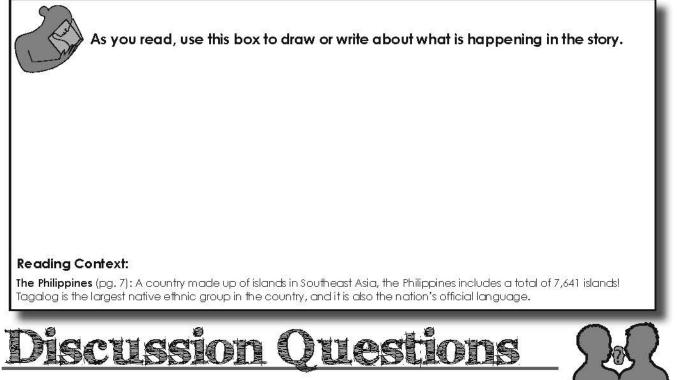
## Story Setup

Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey is the first book in a series about an eight-year-old girl named Marisol Rainey. Marisol has a big tree in her backyard which she has named Peppina. Everyone loves climbing Peppina, but Marisol is too scared to even try. Throughout the story, Marisol enjoys her summer adventures and works through her fears, while relying on her best friend, Jada, the support of her loving family, and some experiences that help her build her confidence.



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## Read pages 1-17



Write your response to each question below using a complete sentence.

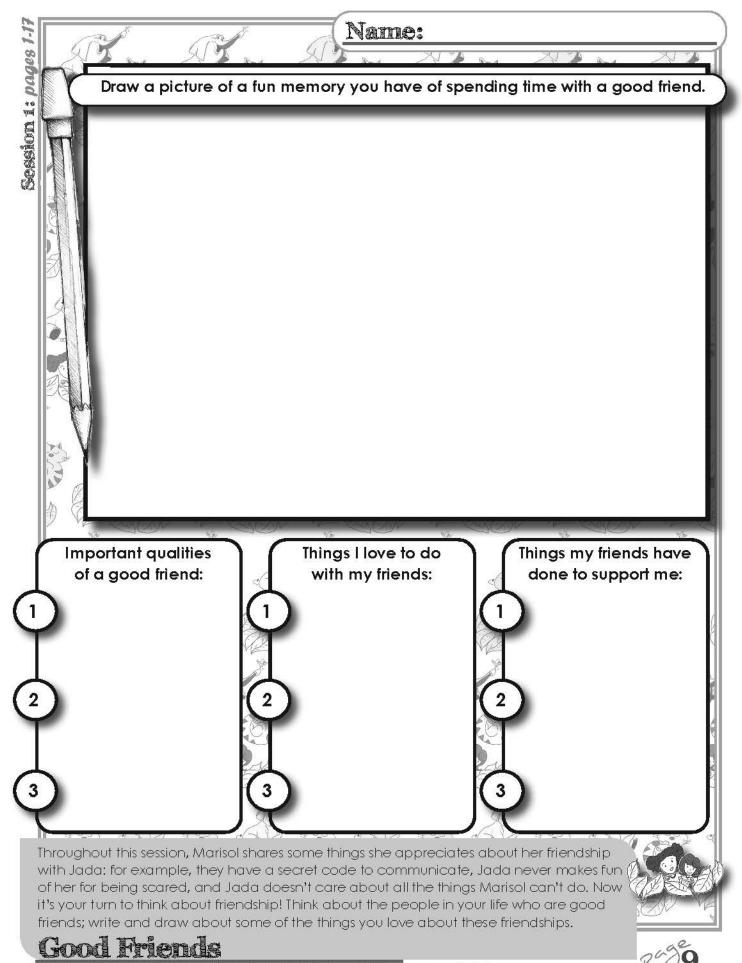
 How do you feel at the beginning of summer? What things do you look forward to at the start of summer? What things do you miss about being at school?

 What are some of the qualities that Marisol feels are important in a best friend?

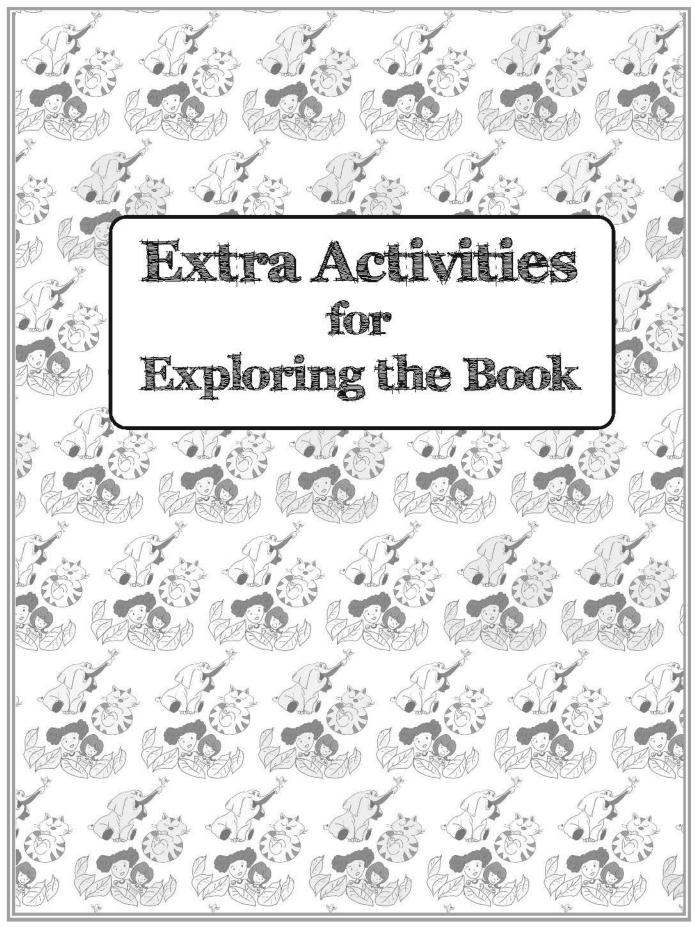
What do you think is holding Marisol back from climbing Peppina?

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	FEAR	GROWING UP
	<ul> <li>Marisol is very afraid of falling and doesn't want to climb Peppina, even though Jada, her brother, and her brother's friend all seem to love climbing the massive magnolia tree.</li> <li>What is something you've been afraid to try?</li> <li>Why do you think this thing makes you feel so afraid? What do you worry might happen?</li> <li>What is something you could do to help you overcome this fear? How do you think this would help?</li> <li>Marisol shares her fears with her best friend, Jada. Who do you turn to when you are worried or stressed out about something?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Marisol and Jada have a fun conversation about where they might want to live when they grow up. Marisol wants to live somewhere that isn't so hot, while Jada thinks she'd maybe move to Athens.</li> <li>Name one place you might want to live when you grow up.</li> <li>Why did you choose this place?</li> <li>What do you imagine you'd like about living there?</li> <li>What do you hope to do while in this place?</li> </ul>
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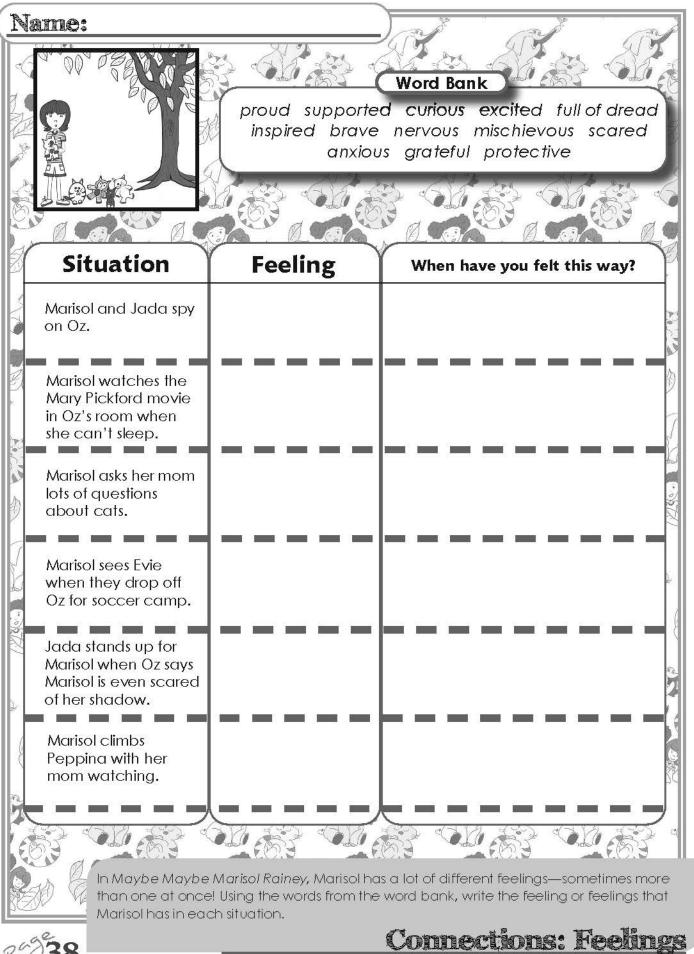


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