

T. A. Barron's Adventure for Young Readers

TREE GIRL

Chapter 8 — Questions and Activities

Language Arts: Story Prompts

Anna has told Sasharash the bear her story about being found at the High Willow many times. She longs to go there. She feels as though it is where her story began.

Do you have a special story about your beginning? I could be about how you came to be a part of your family, a new friendship or moving to a new town. Tell your story. You can write it down, illustrate it or act it out.

More Fun: Did you notice that the bear has a nickname in this chapter? Anna calls him “Sash.” If you skipped it, you can complete the Language Arts project from Chapter 2 to learn more about nicknames.

Social Studies: Friendship

Anna and Sash are becoming fast friends. It’s important to have good friends in your life. A good friend is someone you can count on when you want to share both happy and sad moments in your life. What does it mean to be a good friend? How do you make new ones? Use these resources to find out:

- 🌳 Kid President’s Guide to Making a New Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoHdwUEfBts>
- 🌳 What Does True Friendship Mean to You? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozTrgZdntwl>
- 🌳 Teen Guide to Better Friendships: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Naad4jAutzw>
- 🌳 Wanted: A True Friend Work Sheet: https://www.worksheetplace.com/mf_pdf/Wanted-A-Friend.pdf
- 🌳 How to Make and Keep Friends Worksheet: https://www.worksheetplace.com/mf_pdf/Make-and-Keep-Friends.pdf
- 🌳 Good Friend vs. Bad Friend Worksheet: <https://www.englishworksheets.com/friends-1.html>

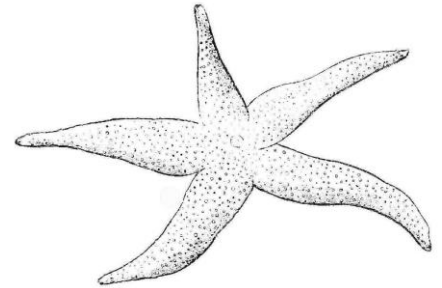


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Science: Starfish

Anna and Sash played with starfish on the beach. Despite its name, a starfish isn't actually a fish at all. Because they don't have backbones, they belong to a group of animals called invertebrates (just like the sea urchins in the last chapter). There are over 1,600 different types of starfish in the ocean! Learn more about them using the resources below:



- 🌿 National Geographic for Kids, Starfish Facts: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/sea-life/starfish-facts/>
- 🌿 DK Find Out, Interactive Starfish: <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/starfish-sea-urchins-and-sea-cucumbers/starfish/>
- 🌿 Starfish Facts Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwdTrDGZuN8>
- 🌿 Starfish Reading Comprehension Worksheet: <https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/vocabulary/animals/starfish/75979>
- 🌿 Starfish Dissection Guide: https://media.wvr.com/emdocs/scied/470221-570_Starfish_Dissection.pdf
 - Note: this is packed with valuable information for older children, even without dissecting a starfish
- 🌿 Make a Starfish from a Paper Plate: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAS_J3T0Rz4

Mini-Book: We haven't been introduced to any new trees in this chapter but that doesn't mean we can't keep learning about them! One fascinating tree you can add to your book is the Kapok tree. Learn more about this tree and add a new page to your book.

- 🌿 Kapok Tree Facts: https://www.softschools.com/facts/plants/kapok_tree_facts/1858/
- 🌿 Kapok Tree Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XU3rXgA9FZ8>



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Life Skills: Chores

Anna made sure that all her chores were done before she went out to play with Sash. Many children and teens do chores around the house. If you think you have a lot of chores, you should see everything grown-ups have to do!

When you do chores, you are not only helping with the care and keeping of your home, you are showing that you can be counted on and can handle responsibility. Do you have chores to do every day? Make a chore chart to help you keep track of them so you don't forget. If you don't have chores already, talk to the grown-ups in your home to find out how you can help.



Here are some chore chart ideas to help you get started:

- 🌿 Free Printable Chore Chart: <https://www.familyeducation.com/printables/parenting-tools-printables/printable-chore-chart>
- 🌿 Post-It Note Chore Chart: <https://tatertotsandjello.com/diy-secret-how-to-use-post-it-notes-in-your-printer-free-printable/>
- 🌿 Cookie Sheet Chore Chart: <https://www.craftaholicsanonymous.net/diy-cookie-sheet-chore-charts>
- 🌿 Bucket List Chore List: <https://jcfotography.blogspot.com/2011/07/bucket-list-kids-chore-version.html>

