

The Adventure of Three Balloons

One morning, a man filled three balloons. He tied their long strings to a tree. The balloons were so sad! They wanted to fly away and see new things. When the wind came, the balloons got loose. The red balloon flew far away. A little girl saw it and liked its pretty color. She caught the balloon and held its string in her hand. Then she tied the balloon to a box. The balloon was part of a present! The red balloon was happy to have a new friend. The black balloon flew to a school. Some boys saw it and caught it. They played with it like a ball. The black balloon liked playing with the boys. The white balloon flew high into the sky. It looked at all the people and cars under it. It saw birds and clouds above it. It never wanted to come down. The white balloon liked flying better than any other thing!

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	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

We want students to “read to the punctuation.” This means that students don’t pause in their reading until they reach a punctuation mark. Beginning readers often develop the habit of stopping at the end of a line instead of the end of the sentence. As your student reads *The Adventure of Three Balloons*, make sure she is not stopping until reaching a punctuation mark.

1. Where did the black balloon go?

- To a house
- To a school
- To a party

2. The red balloon was tied to _____.

- a ball
- a fence
- a present

3. Why would an author write this passage?

- To teach you something new
- To entertain you with a good story
- To get you to do something

4. What are some things you think the white balloon saw?

