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Welcome to PYP Friends!

Meet the four friends who live on **Quirky Lane** and follow the stories of how they

resolve conflict and strengthen their friendships

in the school playground and local neighbourhood.



“Lucky me!

Lucky me!”

Rafi couldn't contain his excitement. All his best friends were coming to his place for a sleepover. Better yet, they were all going to camp out in his backyard.

“Woo hoo!”

he cried, jumping up as high as he could.

“Rafi!” said his Mum. “Before you get too excited, go and pick up all your toys, or your friends won't fit through the door!”

“Oh. Do I have to?” grumbled Rafi.

“Just do it,” replied his Mum.

Meanwhile on Quirky Lane, the rest of the kids were getting ready for the campout.

At Coco's place, she and her mum were busy baking brownies, as Coco's mum said it was always nice to arrive at someone's house with an offering.

At Lochie's place, he was gathering all the items on his rather long list of Essential Items for Camping, including binoculars, three torches, a head torch and a tin of baked beans.

At Salma's place, she was packing her trusty Ted into her backpack. This was going to be her first ever sleepover, so she was feeling a little bit nervous. She wondered if perhaps she was too old to be bringing her Ted along, but she popped him into her backpack anyway.



As the sun was setting, Lochie, Coco and Salma arrived at Rafi's. The first thing they had to do was put up the tent.

"Let's put it down there at the bottom of the garden," suggested Rafi.

"All the way

down

there

?

"It's too far away,"

said Salma.

"I think we should put it closer to the house."

"No! That's no fun!"

replied Rafi.

"But what if we need to use the bathroom in the night?" answered Salma.

Lochie could see that Salma was a bit uncomfortable about camping out so he suggested they put the tent half way down the garden.

"Hmm, alright then," agreed Rafi.





Later, Coco was up to her ears in tent poles and pegs.

“Hmm, let’s see. How does this work? It looks like this goes in here and this goes ...”

“Give it to me! I know how to do it,” said Rafi, walking over to Coco and taking the poles from her. “I put up a tent all by myself last holidays.”

Coco rolled her eyes.

“Just watch me, I bet I can do it in five minutes flat.” Continued Rafi.

At that moment, Lochie knew exactly what was needed. From deep inside his backpack, he pulled out his trusty stopwatch.

“Okay, let’s see how fast you can do it.

Five minutes on

the clock and

ready,

set ...

GO!”

Oh no!

Poor Rafi was a **clumsy** mess of tent poles that didn't fit, and pegs that wouldn't go into the ground, and somehow he'd even managed to put the door flap on upside down!

He huffed and puffed and even clonked himself on the head a few times. Salma and Coco tried their hardest not to laugh, covering their faces to try and hide their giggles from him.

"Stop! Time's up,"

... cried Lochie. But even Lochie couldn't **contain himself** and all three of the kids found

themselves red faced and bent over laughing at poor Rafi.

"What's so funny?"

asked Rafi.

"Come and have a look at the tent from over here," said Salma.

But just as Rafi turned to walk over to his friends, he tripped over one of the ropes and the whole tent came tumbling down behind him.

What a mess!

Even Rafi had to laugh at that point. What a disaster! When the giggles had settled, Salma made a suggestion.



“Let’s try again. I’ve got the instructions and if we all do it together, I think it’ll be much easier.”

“Good idea!”

they all said.

So they **put their heads together** and in no time at all they had a sturdy and cosy tent to hang out in for the evening.



Later, by the light of a single torch, the kids were gathered round listening to one of Coco's stories.

"So then I heard that he walked out into the woods and ...

no one ever
saw him again."

"Really?" asked Lochie.

"No way," said Rafi.

But Salma didn't say anything. She thought Coco's story was quite scary but she didn't want to say anything

because everyone else seemed to be enjoying it.

Besides, there was something else bothering her even more. She thought she could hear a strange scratching noise outside the tent. She cuddled her Ted a little tighter and hoped she was just imagining things.

"What's that?" said Lochie.

"What?" they all asked.

"Can you hear
that noise?"

Everyone went quiet and held their breath to listen.



Suddenly, there was a rustling in the bushes nearby and Salma jumped with fright!

She was so **frightened** she couldn't hold back her tears.

"What *was* that?"

... she sobbed, holding onto Ted. Coco put her arm around her.

"I don't know," said Rafi. "But I'm going to find out."

"Yeah, let's go and see. It'll be an adventure!" said Lochie, putting on his head torch.

Coco looked at Salma. She wanted to go on the adventure too but she was worried about Salma. "Salma, do you want to come?"

Salma shook her head. No way, she thought to herself.

But she didn't want to

be left *alone* either.

Lochie and Rafi were waiting outside the tent.

"Come on Coco, are you coming or not?" asked Rafi.

Coco wondered what to do.



"I know!" she cried, as a brilliant idea popped into her head.

"Salma, you and I are going to keep guard. I'll sit out here by the door and shine the torch for Rafi and Lochie. You stay inside and tell me if you hear anything back there. That way I can tell Rafi and Lochie if they're looking in the right place.

Got it?"

Salma sat up instantly and was ready to listen out for the slightest noise.

"Aye aye! Got it!"

she called to Coco.

So the adventure began. Rafi and Lochie, with nets and binoculars in hand, tiptoed around the garden, in search of the mysterious noise. Coco and Salma held down the fort, just in case they heard the noise again.

"Sh! I think I heard something under that bush," whispered Lochie.

All eyes were on the far corner of the garden.

What would Lochie find?



Suddenly, Salma saw a shadow outside the tent.

“Coco, there’s something behind the tent!” she whispered, quite loudly.

“I’ll go and investigate,” said Coco. But just then, a rather loud noise broke the silence ...

Miaow

“Merlin! It was you all along!” cried Rafi.

“What are you doing over here? You should be next door.”

Miaow

Miaow

... continued Merlin until he found his way into the tent and over to Salma, where he made himself very cosy on her lap.

Later that night, as Merlin **purred** peacefully on Salma's lap, the kids were finishing off their snacks and giggling about their silly adventures.

"This has been the most fun I've had in ages," said Coco. They all agreed – even Salma, who was very happy to have her Ted and Merlin and all her best friends to keep her company on her first campout sleepover.

"I've got an idea," she said. Everyone moved closer to hear Salma's idea.

"Let's make

a promise."

"What do you mean?" asked Coco.

"What should we promise?" asked Lochie.

"Let's promise that we'll always be friends. Even when we do silly stuff like ..."

"Fall over a tent," finished Rafi.

"Or play Planet Racers 3 instead of seeing your friends," added Lochie.

"Or leave each other out of games," said Coco.

"Yes, all of those things," replied Salma.



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And there in that cosy tent in Rafi's garden, the kids all piled their hands together into the circle and each of them repeated the words:

"Friends

through thick

and thin."

All was quiet again, and soon they began to feel sleepy.

Lochie, Salma, Coco and Rafi curled into their sleeping bags and smiled to themselves as they fell asleep, one by one.

They really were four very lucky kids to have such brilliant, quirky friends.

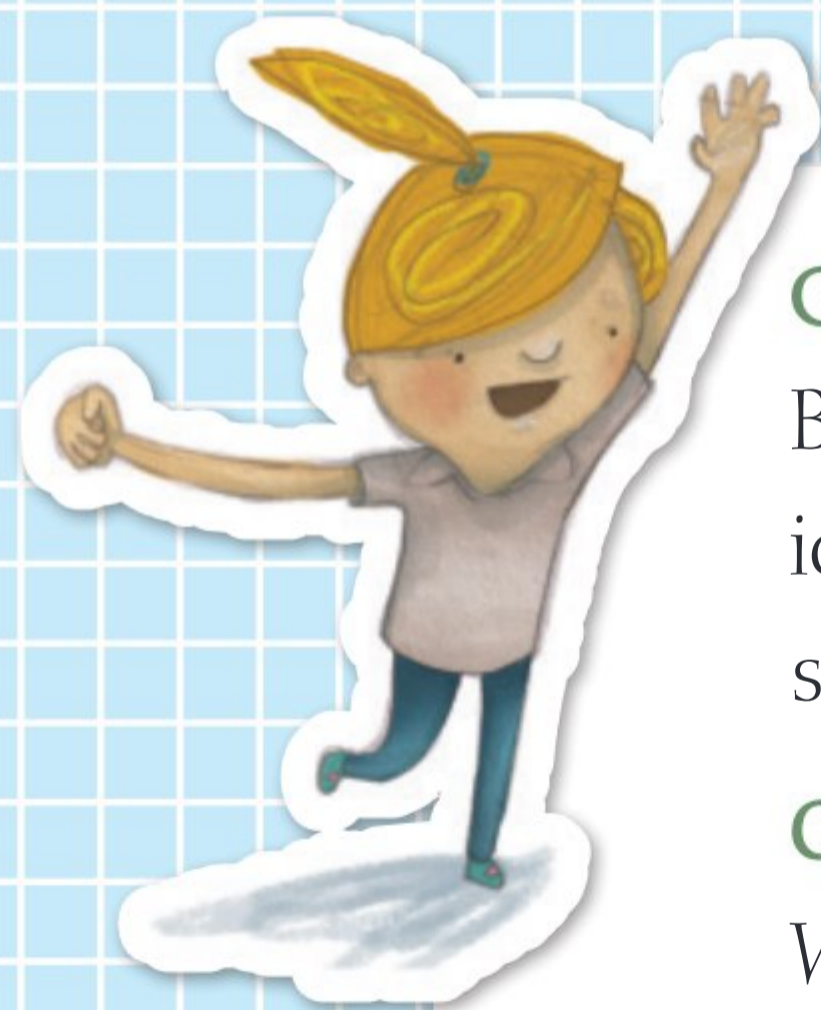


Role play:

How to work together

To work as a team you need good social skills. That means, you need to be able to talk to each other, share ideas, solve problems together and keep your cool. Let's practise working together by completing the role play that follows!

Ingredients



OPENNESS

Be open with your ideas and listen to the suggestions of others.

COLLABORATION

Work with others to produce something you're all proud of.

RESPECT

Always be respectful of different opinions.

NEGOTIATION

Negotiate on who is doing what and when you will get started.

SUPPORT

Help your teammates to achieve the common goal.

Method

Step 1

Sit in a circle with your team and make sure everyone is comfortable.

Step 2

Brainstorm and write down goals that as a team you might like to achieve.

Write your goal ideas here:

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Step 3

As a team, **define** a common goal.

Step 4

Decide what things need to be done and who will do them to achieve the goal.

Step 5

Now it's time for everyone to get started on their job. If you finish early, help someone else.

Glossary

Clumsy (page 8)

Moving or doing things in a very awkward way and tending to drop or break things.

Contain himself (page 8)

To manage your emotions and behaviour and stay calm, even when you feel like screaming, dancing, or singing aloud.

Put their heads together (page 10)

To work together as a team, share ideas constructively.

Frightened (page 14)

To cause someone to become afraid.

Purred (page 18)

The low, soft sound that a cat makes when it is happy.