

# The Girl Who Grew a Rainbow

A Fleydo English School Story

A2 Level | Kids (6-10) | Reading | Story | 14 Pages

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*Zara moves to a new town and feels grey inside. In her grandmother's garden, she finds a tin of magical seeds. Each seed grows a flower that carries a different emotion: red for courage, blue for calm, yellow for joy. But when a lonely neighbour's sadness threatens the garden, Zara discovers that the most important colour — kindness — only grows when you share it.*

## Learning Objectives

- Read and understand an A2-level adventure story (14 pages)
- Learn 15 new vocabulary words in context
- Practise vocabulary with matching and fill-in-the-blank exercises
- Test reading comprehension with 10 multiple-choice questions
- Discuss themes: emotions, kindness, and the power of sharing

## 1 Read the Story

### Chapter 1: The Grey Girl

Zara used to love colours. Her old bedroom had been painted bright orange. Her shoes were red. Her backpack was covered in rainbow stickers. But that was before the move.

Three weeks ago, Zara's family had moved from their warm, busy city to a small, quiet town by the sea. Her father had a new job. Her mother said it would be "a fresh start." But to Zara, everything just felt grey.

Grey sky. Grey houses. Grey sea. And worst of all, a grey feeling inside her chest, like someone had taken all her colours away.

"Give it time, love," her mother said every morning. "You'll find your colours again."

The only good thing about the new house was the garden. It was enormous but completely wild. Weeds grew everywhere. The grass was as tall as Zara's waist.

Her mother told her that the garden used to belong to her grandmother, the best gardener in town. But nobody had looked after it for five years.

That afternoon, Zara found an old shed in the garden corner. Inside, on the highest shelf, there was a small tin box painted with tiny flowers. On the lid, in beautiful handwriting, were the words: "For the one who needs colours again."

### Chapter 2: Grandma's Garden

Inside the tin, lying on soft cotton, were seven seeds. Each one was a different colour: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and one that was pure, shining white.

Under the cotton was a note from Grandma: "These are no ordinary seeds. Each one grows a flower that carries a feeling. Plant them with care, water them with patience, and they will give you back every colour you have lost."

Zara held the seeds in her palm. They were warm, like tiny glowing embers. She decided to plant them all and bring her grandmother's garden back to life.

### Chapter 3: The Colours Bloom

Zara spent the weekend clearing the garden. She planted the seven seeds and watered them carefully. The next morning, something impossible had happened.

The red seed had grown into a tall flower with bright red petals. When Zara stood next to it, she felt a warm, strong feeling. She felt brave. "Courage," she whispered.

The orange flower brought excitement and adventure. The yellow flower made her laugh out loud — pure joy. The green flower brought peace with nature. The blue flower brought deep, gentle calm. The purple flower filled her head with imagination and ideas.

But the seventh seed — the white one — had not grown.

Every day, the six flowers grew bigger. The grey feeling was fading. She woke up feeling brave, excited, happy, peaceful, calm, and creative. The colours were coming back.

She started enjoying school. She answered questions (courage from the red flower). She joined the art club (imagination from the purple flower). She smiled at other children (joy from the yellow flower).

But the white seed still had not grown. What emotion did white represent?

## Chapter 4: The Grey Neighbour

Next door lived old Mr. Webb. He was thin and bent, with sad grey eyes. He never smiled. His wife had died two years ago, and he had been alone ever since.

One morning, Zara noticed her flowers were changing. The red petals were turning grey. The yellow flower's brightness was fading.

She looked over the wall and saw Mr. Webb sitting in his empty garden, staring at the ground. His loneliness was so strong it was draining the colour from her flowers.

Over three days, the flowers got worse. They wilted and drooped. The joy was draining away, replaced by heavy greyness.

Zara sat beside her dying flowers and cried. Then she understood: the flowers didn't just give feelings. They absorbed feelings from the world around them. Mr. Webb's loneliness was poisoning the garden.

The only way to save the flowers was to help Mr. Webb feel less alone.

## Chapter 5: Sharing the Rainbow

Zara picked one flower from each plant and made a bouquet. She knocked on Mr. Webb's door.

When he saw the flowers, his grey eyes widened. A tiny spark of colour appeared — like a candle being lit in a dark room. "They're beautiful," he whispered. And for the first time in two years, he smiled.

Zara visited every day. They exchanged stories and laughter. Slowly, colour returned to Mr. Webb's cheeks. He started wearing a blue scarf. He smiled at the postman. He even laughed.

And in Zara's garden, the flowers came back to life. Then one morning, the seventh flower finally grew. It was every colour at once — the most beautiful flower Zara had ever seen. It represented kindness.

## Chapter 6: A Town in Colour

Zara began sharing seeds with everyone. She gave red seeds to the shy girl at school. Yellow seeds to the tired nurse. Blue seeds to her stressed father. And a rainbow seed to Mr. Webb.

Within a month, every garden in town had at least one magical flower. The grey little town was now the most colourful place anyone had ever seen.

But the real change was in the people. Neighbours started sharing stories. Children played together. The town felt alive, warm, and connected.

Zara finally understood her grandmother's message. The seeds were never about growing flowers. They were about growing feelings. And kindness — the most important feeling — only grows when you share it.

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## The End

*The most beautiful colour is the one you share.*

*Kindness only grows when you give it away. And that is the most beautiful colour of all.*

## 2 Key Vocabulary

These words from the story will help you improve your English.

Word	Type	Definition	Example
<b>seed</b>	<i>noun</i>	a tiny thing planted to grow a plant	<i>Zara planted seven magical seeds.</i>
<b>bloom</b>	<i>verb</i>	when a flower opens its petals	<i>The red flower bloomed overnight.</i>
<b>courage</b>	<i>noun</i>	ability to do something when afraid	<i>The red flower gave Zara courage.</i>
<b>calm</b>	<i>noun</i>	a peaceful feeling with no worry	<i>The blue flower brought deep calm.</i>
<b>joy</b>	<i>noun</i>	a feeling of great happiness	<i>The yellow flower was full of joy.</i>
<b>imagination</b>	<i>noun</i>	creating pictures and ideas in your mind	<i>The purple flower filled her with imagination.</i>
<b>emotion</b>	<i>noun</i>	a strong feeling like love or fear	<i>Each flower carried a different emotion.</i>
<b>wilted</b>	<i>verb</i>	became weak, drooped, and started to die	<i>The flowers wilted when sadness spread.</i>
<b>spread</b>	<i>verb</i>	moved to cover a larger area	<i>Mr. Webb's loneliness spread to the garden.</i>
<b>loneliness</b>	<i>noun</i>	the sad feeling of being alone	<i>His loneliness was very strong.</i>
<b>kindness</b>	<i>noun</i>	being friendly and caring towards others	<i>The seventh colour was kindness.</i>
<b>bouquet</b>	<i>noun</i>	a group of flowers as a gift	<i>Zara made a bouquet for Mr. Webb.</i>
<b>meadow</b>	<i>noun</i>	a field of grass with wild flowers	<i>The garden was like a wild meadow.</i>
<b>exchanged</b>	<i>verb</i>	gave something and received in return	<i>They exchanged stories and laughter.</i>
<b>connected</b>	<i>adj</i>	feeling close to other people	<i>The town felt alive and connected.</i>

### 3 Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Zara planted seven magical \_\_\_\_\_ in her grandmother's garden.
2. The red flower gave Zara the feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The blue flower brought a feeling of deep \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The yellow flower was full of pure \_\_\_\_\_ and happiness.
5. The purple flower filled Zara's head with \_\_\_\_\_ and ideas.
6. Mr. Webb's \_\_\_\_\_ was so strong that it drained the colour from the flowers.
7. The flowers \_\_\_\_\_ and drooped when the sadness spread.
8. Zara made a \_\_\_\_\_ of six flowers and gave it to Mr. Webb.
9. Zara and Mr. Webb \_\_\_\_\_ stories and laughter every day.
10. The seventh flower represented \_\_\_\_\_ — the most important feeling.

#### Answer Key:

1. seeds
2. courage
3. calm
4. joy
5. imagination
6. loneliness
7. wilted
8. bouquet
9. exchanged
10. kindness

## 4 Comprehension Quiz

Choose the correct answer for each question.

### Question 1. Why did Zara feel grey inside?

- A. She was sick
- B. She moved to a new town and missed her old life
- C. She didn't like flowers
- D. She was angry

### Question 2. Where did Zara find the magical seeds?

- A. At school
- B. In a shop
- C. In her grandmother's garden shed
- D. On the beach

### Question 3. How many seeds were in the tin?

- A. Three
- B. Five
- C. Seven
- D. Ten

### Question 4. What feeling did the red flower give?

- A. Sadness
- B. Courage
- C. Calm
- D. Joy

### Question 5. Which seed did NOT grow at first?

- A. The red one
- B. The blue one
- C. The white one
- D. The yellow one

### Question 6. Why were the flowers turning grey?

- A. Zara forgot to water them
- B. Too cold
- C. Mr. Webb's loneliness was spreading
- D. Old seeds

### Question 7. How did Zara help Mr. Webb?

- A. Gave him money
- B. Brought flowers and visited every day
- C. Called the doctor
- D. Moved away

### Question 8. What colour was the seventh flower?

- A. White
- B. Grey
- C. All colours at once
- D. Gold

**Question 9. What feeling did the seventh flower represent?**

- A. Courage
- B. Imagination
- C. Kindness
- D. Calm

**Question 10. What is the main lesson?**

- A. Gardens need water
- B. Kindness is the most beautiful colour
- C. Old people are always sad
- D. Moving is fun

**5 Quiz Answer Key**

Q	Correct Answer
1	B. She moved to a new town and missed her old life
2	C. In her grandmother's garden shed
3	C. Seven
4	B. Courage
5	C. The white one
6	C. Mr. Webb's loneliness was spreading
7	B. Brought flowers and visited every day
8	C. All colours at once
9	C. Kindness
10	B. Kindness is the most beautiful colour