

# The New Kid in Class



*A Story for A1 Readers*

**Fleydo English School**

This little story is for beginner readers. Read it slowly, look at the **bold words** and find them in the Word List at the end. After the story, try the activities: a Word List, a Matching game, Fill in the Blanks, and a Quiz. Have fun!

**Chapter 1****A New Student**

*A new girl comes to Leo's class*

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It is Monday morning. Leo is in his classroom. He sits next to his friend Sam. The teacher, Mr Brown, comes in. He has a big smile.

“Good morning, class,” he says. “We have a new **student** today.”

A girl walks in. She is tall. She has long black hair and a green bag. She looks **shy**.

“This is Mia,” Mr Brown says. “She is from a new town. Please be kind to her.”

Mia says hello. Her voice is very quiet. She sits at a desk near the window. She puts her green bag on the floor.

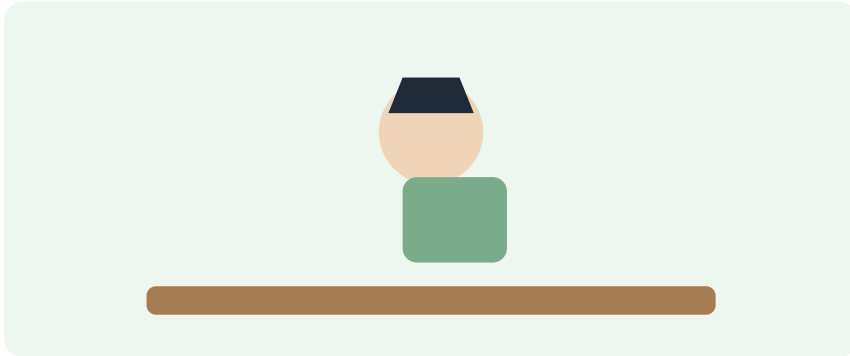
Leo looks at the bag. It is big and full. “What is in her bag?” he thinks. “It is very full.”

Sam looks too. “Maybe she has many books,” he says.

But Leo is **curious**. He wants to know Mia's secret.

**Chapter 2****The Mystery Bag**

*Mia is very quiet about her bag*



*Mia always holds her green bag.*

At lunch time, Mia sits alone. She eats a sandwich. Her green bag is on her lap. She holds it with two hands.

Leo and Sam walk to her table. “Hello, Mia,” Leo says. “Can we sit with you?”

“Yes,” Mia says. She smiles a little.

“What is in your bag?” Sam asks. “It is very big.”

Mia stops. She looks down. “It is a **secret**,” she says. “I do not want to show you.”

Leo and Sam look at each other. Now they are very curious!

“Please tell us,” Leo says. “We are your friends.”

“Not now,” Mia says. “Maybe one day.”

After lunch, Mia takes her bag to every class. She never leaves it. She always holds it close.

### Chapter 3

## New Friends

*Leo and Sam try to help Mia*

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Every day, Leo and Sam talk to Mia. They are nice and kind. They sit with her at lunch. They walk with her after school.

Mia is happy. She is not shy now. She laughs and talks a lot. “I like this school,” she says. “You are good friends.”

One day, the three friends play in the park. A small bird sits on a tree. It is brown and **tiny**. Mia looks at the bird for a long time.

“You like birds?” Leo asks. “Yes,” Mia says. Her eyes are bright. “I love birds. They are beautiful.”

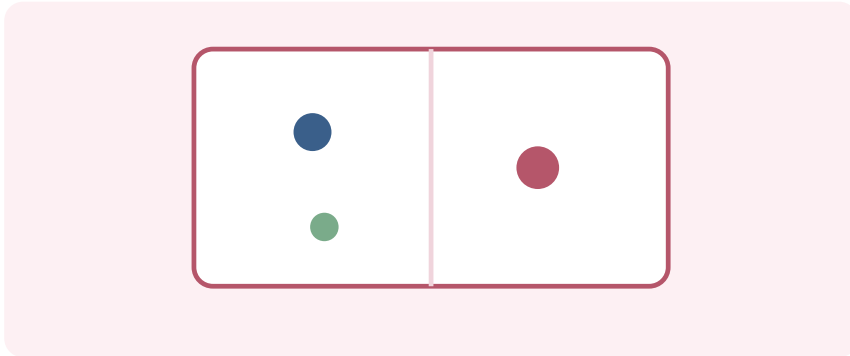
On Friday, there is a big notice on the school wall. “Next week, we have a **talent** show,” Mr Brown says. “You can sing, dance, or show a special skill!”

“What about you, Mia?” Mr Brown asks. Mia is quiet. Her face goes red. “I... I do not know,” she says.

## Chapter 4

# A Little Secret

*Mia shows one thing to her friends*



*Mia's beautiful bird drawings*

After school, Mia is nervous. “I want to show you something,” she says. “But it is my secret. You cannot tell other people.”

“We promise,” Leo says. “We never tell,” Sam says.

Mia opens her green bag a little. She takes out a small book. It is full of **drawings**.

Leo looks at the book. His mouth opens. “Wow!” he says. The drawings are birds. Many beautiful birds. Big birds, small birds, blue birds, red birds. They look real!

“You draw these?” Sam asks. “Yes,” Mia says. “I draw birds every day. It is my favourite thing.”

“They are **amazing!**” Leo says. “Why is this a secret?”

Mia looks down. “At my old school, people laugh at me. They say, ‘Birds are boring.’ So I keep my drawings a secret.”

“That is not nice,” Leo says. “Your drawings are not boring. They are amazing!”

**Chapter 5****A Big Idea**

*Leo has a plan for the talent show*

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On the weekend, Leo has a big idea. “Mia can show her bird drawings at the talent show!”

On Monday, the two boys talk to Mia. “Mia, please show your drawings at the talent show,” Leo says.

“No!” Mia says. “People laugh at me. I cannot do it.”

“We are with you,” Sam says. “We stand next to you. You are not alone.”

Mia thinks for a long time. Her hands are **shaking**. “Okay,” she says finally. “I try. But I am scared.”

“That is **brave**,” Leo says. “You can do it!”

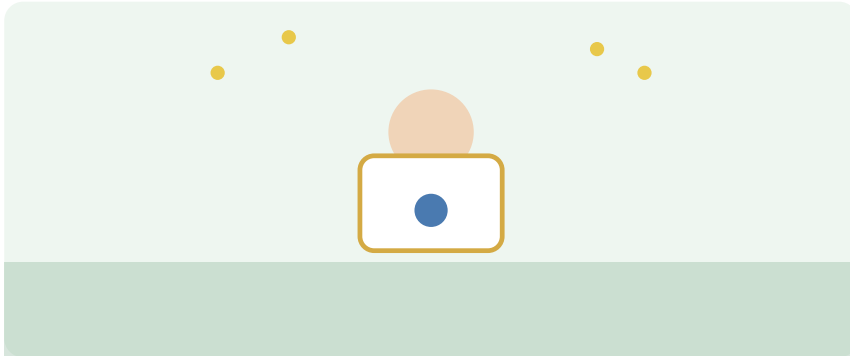
All week, the three friends get ready. Mia draws a big new picture. It is a beautiful blue bird with open wings.

The night before the show, Mia cannot sleep. But she thinks about her friends. She is still scared, but she is also a little **excited**.

## Chapter 6

# The Talent Show

*The big day comes at last*



*Mia shows her big blue bird.*

It is the day of the talent show. The school hall is full. All the students and teachers are there.

Sam plays the guitar. Everybody claps. Then Leo tells funny jokes. Everybody laughs.

“And now,” Mr Brown says, “we have Mia and her special drawings!”

Mia walks to the front. Her legs are weak. Her green bag is in her hands. Leo and Sam stand next to her.

Slowly, Mia opens her bag. She takes out her bird drawings. She holds up the big blue bird. The hall is very quiet.

Then, a small girl in the front says, “Wow! It is so beautiful!” Another student says, “I love the colours!”

Soon, everybody claps. They love Mia's **artwork**! Mia's face is bright. She is happy and **proud**.

**Chapter 7****A Happy End**

*Mia is not shy any more*

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After the show, many students come to Mia. “Your drawings are amazing!” they say. “Can you draw a bird for me?”

Mia laughs. “Yes, of course!” she says.

Mr Brown comes too. “Mia, you have a wonderful talent. Can you draw birds for our school? We put them on the walls.”

“Really?” Mia says. “Yes! I love that idea!”

Now Mia is very happy. She has good friends. She has a school that likes her art. And her secret is not a secret any more.

“Thank you, Leo and Sam,” she says. “You help me to be brave.” “You do it,” Leo says. “We just stand next to you.”

The three friends laugh together. From that day, everybody knows the happy secret inside Mia's green bag.

*“A talent is not a secret. It is a gift to share.”*

## Word List

*Learn these words from the story*

<b>Student</b>	a person who studies at a school
<b>Shy</b>	not comfortable with new people; quiet and nervous
<b>Curious</b>	you want to know more about something
<b>Secret</b>	something you do not tell other people
<b>Tiny</b>	very, very small
<b>Talent</b>	a special thing you can do well
<b>Drawings</b>	pictures you make with a pen or pencil
<b>Amazing</b>	very, very good; wonderful
<b>Shaking</b>	moving a little because you are nervous
<b>Brave</b>	not afraid to do something difficult
<b>Excited</b>	happy and full of energy about something
<b>Artwork</b>	art that someone makes, like drawings
<b>Proud</b>	happy because you did something good
<b>Classroom</b>	a room in a school where students learn
<b>Notice</b>	a paper on a wall that gives information
<b>Wings</b>	the parts a bird uses to fly

## Matching

*Draw a line from each word to its meaning*

1. Student	a. Very, very good
2. Shy	b. A bird uses these to fly
3. Curious	c. Something you do not tell
4. Secret	d. Happy because you did well
5. Tiny	e. Not afraid of difficult things
6. Talent	f. Very, very small
7. Drawings	g. Happy and full of energy
8. Amazing	h. Quiet and nervous with new people
9. Brave	i. A person who studies at a school
10. Excited	j. Pictures you make with a pencil
11. Proud	k. You want to know more
12. Wings	l. A special thing you can do well

## Fill in the Blanks

Write the correct word from the box in each gap

amazing · brave · curious · drawings · proud · secret · shy · student · talent ·  
tiny

1. A new \_\_\_\_\_ comes to Leo's class.
2. Mia is very quiet because she is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Leo is \_\_\_\_\_ about Mia's green bag.
4. Mia says her bag is a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the park, Mia looks at a \_\_\_\_\_ brown bird.
6. Mr Brown says the school has a \_\_\_\_\_ show next week.
7. Mia's book is full of beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ of birds.
8. Leo and Sam say her drawings are \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Mia is scared, but her friends say she is \_\_\_\_\_.
10. After the show, Mia is very happy and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Comprehension Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question

### 1. Who is the new student in Leo's class?

- A) Sam
- B) Mia
- C) Mr Brown
- D) Leo

### 2. What colour is Mia's bag?

- A) Red
- B) Blue
- C) Green
- D) Black

### 3. How does Mia feel on her first day?

- A) Happy and loud
- B) Shy and quiet
- C) Angry
- D) Tired

### 4. What does Mia say her bag is?

- A) A present
- B) A book bag
- C) A secret
- D) Empty

### 5. What is inside Mia's green bag?

- A) Food
- B) A pet bird
- C) A book of bird drawings
- D) Toys

**6. Why does Mia keep her drawings a secret?**

- A) They are not good
- B) People at her old school laugh at her
- C) She has no pictures
- D) She forgets them

**7. What does Mr Brown say the school will have?**

- A) A sports day
- B) A talent show
- C) A holiday
- D) A test

**8. How do Leo and Sam help Mia?**

- A) They draw the birds
- B) They stand next to her and help her be brave
- C) They do the show for her
- D) They hide her bag

**9. What happens at the talent show?**

- A) People laugh at Mia
- B) Mia does not go
- C) Everybody loves Mia's drawings
- D) The show stops

**10. What is the main idea of the story?**

- A) Birds are boring
- B) Everyone has a special talent to share
- C) New schools are scary
- D) Bags must be small

## Answer Key

*For teachers and parents*

**Matching:** 1-i 2-h 3-k 4-c 5-f 6-l 7-j 8-a 9-e 10-g 11-d 12-b

**Fill in the Blanks:** 1. student 2. shy 3. curious 4. secret 5. tiny 6. talent 7. drawings 8. amazing 9. brave  
10. proud

**Quiz:** 1. B 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. C 6. B 7. B 8. B 9. C 10. B



**Thank you for reading with Fleydo English School!**

*Key Ideas: Be kind to new people · Friends help you be brave · Everyone has a special talent · Share your gift*