



The Magic Backpack



A Story for A1 Readers

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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**An Old Backpack***Leo gets a strange present*

Leo is eleven years old. Today is his birthday. His grandma gives him a present. It is an old, brown **backpack**.

“Thank you, Grandma,” Leo says. But he is a little sad. He wants a new game, not an old bag.

“This is not a normal backpack,” Grandma says. “It is a **magic** backpack. But there is one **rule**.”

“A rule?” Leo says. “What rule?” “The backpack gives you school things,” Grandma says.

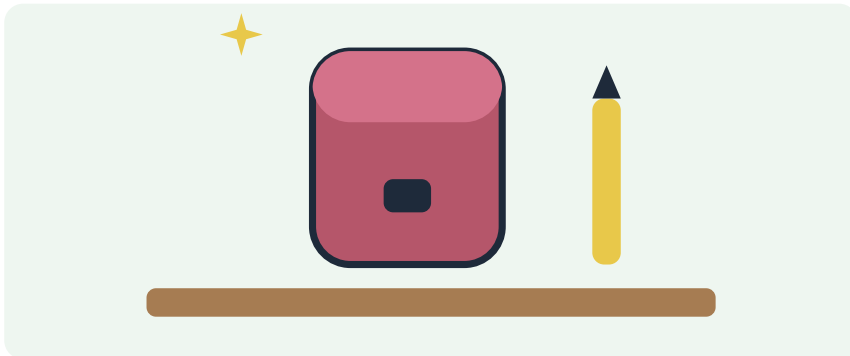
“You can ask for one thing each day. Only one. Never two.”

Leo laughs. “An old bag with magic? That is **funny!**” He does not **believe** Grandma.

But Grandma just smiles. “You will see, Leo. You will see.”

Chapter 2**The First Wish**

Leo tries the magic backpack



A new pencil from the magic backpack!

The next morning, Leo goes to school. He has got the old backpack on his back.

In class, Leo needs a **pencil**. He does not have got one. “Oh no,” he thinks. “I forget my pencil.”

Then he remembers Grandma's words. “Maybe the magic is real,” he thinks. “Let me try.”

Leo opens the backpack. He says quietly, “I need a pencil, please.” He puts his hand inside. And... there is a pencil! A new, yellow pencil!

Leo's eyes go wide. “Wow! It works! The backpack is really magic!” He wants a **ruler** too. But then he remembers the rule.

“Only one thing each day,” he says. “Okay. One thing is enough for today.” All day, Leo is very happy. He has got a magic backpack!

Chapter 3

One Thing Each Day

Leo uses the backpack every day

Every day, Leo asks the backpack for one thing. And every day, the magic works.

On Monday, he needs a **rubber**. The backpack gives him a rubber. On Tuesday, he needs a **book**. On Wednesday, he needs **scissors**.

Leo is careful. He always asks for only one thing. He remembers Grandma's rule.

His friends do not know his secret. They think Leo is just very **organised**. But Leo knows the truth. He has got a little magic.

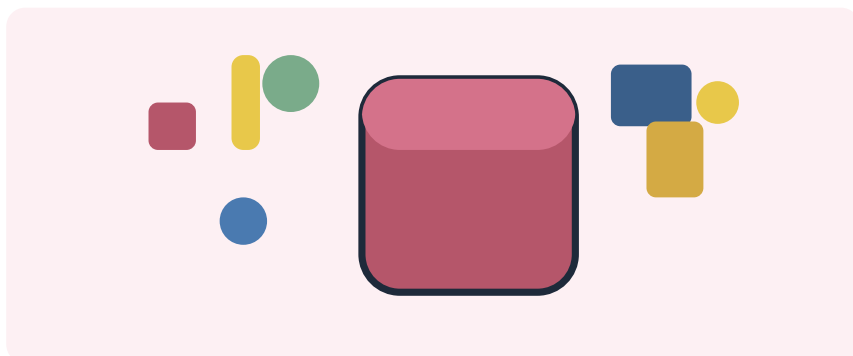
One day, Leo's friend Mia is sad. "I forget my pen," she says. "And I have got a big test today."

Leo opens his backpack. "I need a pen, please." He gives the pen to Mia. "Thank you, Leo! You are a good friend." Leo feels good.

Chapter 4

Too Many Wishes

Leo forgets the rule



Too many things come out!

One day, Leo has a bad idea. “The backpack gives me one thing each day. But what if I ask for two things? Or three? Or ten?”

“Grandma says only one. But one thing is so small. I want more!”

Leo opens the backpack. “I need a pencil. And a book. And a ruler. And sweets. And a toy. And a phone!” Leo breaks the rule.

Suddenly, the backpack shakes. It gets bigger and bigger. Then things start to come out. Fast! Pencils! Books! Toys! More and more and more!

“Oh no!” Leo shouts. “Too many things! Stop! Please stop!” But the backpack does not stop. This is a big **problem!**

The room is full of things. Leo is scared. “What do I do? I break the rule! Grandma is right!”

Chapter 5**Leo Asks for Help***Grandma knows what to do*

Leo runs home. He finds Grandma in the kitchen. “Grandma! Help! I break the rule. I ask for many things. Now the backpack does not stop!”

Grandma looks at Leo. She is not **angry**. She is kind. “Leo,” she says. “The magic is good. But too much is not good. The rule keeps you **safe**.”

“I am sorry, Grandma,” Leo says. “I am **greedy**. How do I stop the magic?”

“There is a way,” Grandma says. “You must give the things away. Give them to people who need them. Then the backpack is happy again.”

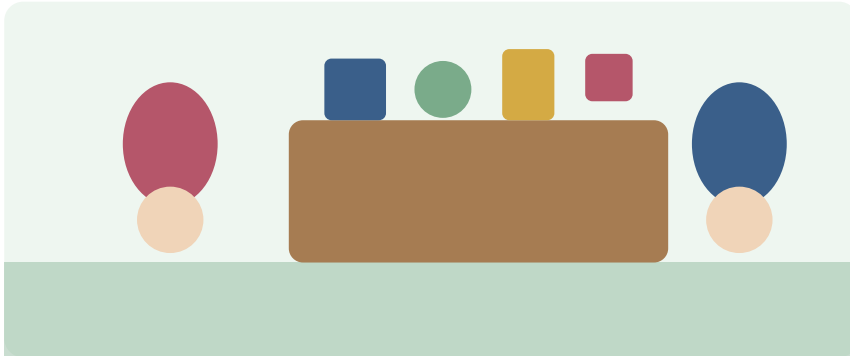
“Give them away?” Leo says. “Yes,” Grandma says. “Magic is for **sharing**, not for keeping.”

Leo looks at all the things. “I do not need all this. But other children do. I can give it away.”
“That is a good boy,” Grandma says.

Chapter 6

Sharing the Magic

Leo gives the things away



Leo shares the things with everybody.

The next day, Leo takes all the things to school. He puts them on a big table.

“These are for everybody,” Leo says. “If you need a pencil, a book, or a toy, please take one.”

The other children are happy. “Thank you, Leo!” they say. A boy with no pencil takes a pencil. A girl with no book takes a book.

Leo gives a toy to a small child. He gives books to the library. Soon, all the things are **gone**. The backpack is empty again. And it is happy.

“You do the right thing,” Grandma says that evening. “You share. Now the magic works again.”

Leo smiles. “Sharing is better than keeping. I feel happy when I help other people.”

Chapter 7**The Best Gift**

Leo learns an important lesson

Now Leo loves his magic backpack. But he loves it for a new reason. It is not because it gives him things. It is because it teaches him a lesson.

“The backpack is special,” Leo says to Grandma. “But not just for the magic. It teaches me to follow the rule. And it teaches me to share.”

“Yes,” Grandma says. “The best magic is not things. The best magic is a kind heart.”

Leo understands now. He is not greedy any more. He is happy with one thing each day. And he is always happy to share.

“Thank you, Grandma,” Leo says. “This is the best **gift** ever. Not the bag — the lesson.”

Grandma gives Leo a big hug. “You are a good boy, Leo. And that is the real magic.”

“The best magic of all is a kind, sharing heart.”

Word List

Learn these words from the story

Backpack	a bag you wear on your back, like a school bag
Magic	with special powers that are not real in normal life
Rule	something you must always do or not do
Believe	to think that something is true
Pencil	a thing you use to write or draw
Ruler	a long, flat thing you use to draw straight lines
Rubber	a small thing that takes away pencil marks
Scissors	a tool with two blades that you use to cut paper
Organised	good at keeping things in the right place
Problem	something that is wrong and is difficult to fix
Angry	a strong feeling when you are not happy with someone
Greedy	wanting much more than you need
Safe	not in danger; with no problems
Sharing	giving some of what you have to other people
Gift	a present you give to someone
Funny	something that makes you laugh

Matching

Draw a line from each word to its meaning

1. Backpack	a. Not happy with someone
2. Magic	b. A present you give to someone
3. Rule	c. To think something is true
4. Believe	d. Giving some of what you have
5. Pencil	e. Wanting much more than you need
6. Scissors	f. A thing you use to write
7. Problem	g. Not in danger
8. Angry	h. Special powers, not real in normal life
9. Greedy	i. A bag you wear on your back
10. Safe	j. Something wrong and hard to fix
11. Sharing	k. Something you must always do or not do
12. Gift	l. A tool you use to cut paper

Fill in the Blanks

Write the correct word from the box in each gap

backpack · believe · gift · greedy · magic · pencil · problem · rule · safe · sharing

1. Grandma gives Leo an old, brown _____.
2. It is not a normal bag. It is a _____ backpack.
3. There is one _____: ask for only one thing each day.
4. At first, Leo does not _____ in the magic.
5. For school, the backpack gives Leo a yellow _____.
6. Leo asks for too many things. Now there is a big _____.
7. Leo wants more than he needs. He is _____.
8. Grandma says the rule keeps Leo _____.
9. To fix the magic, Leo must give the things away. Magic is for _____.
10. The best _____ is not the bag, but the lesson.

Comprehension Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question

1. What does Grandma give Leo for his birthday?

- A) A new game
- B) An old, brown backpack
- C) A book
- D) A phone

2. What is special about the backpack?

- A) It is very big
- B) It is magic and gives school things
- C) It is very old
- D) It can talk

3. What is the one rule?

- A) Ask for one thing each day
- B) Never open the bag
- C) Only use it at school
- D) Keep it secret

4. What is the first thing the backpack gives Leo?

- A) A book
- B) A ruler
- C) A pencil
- D) Sweets

5. How does Leo help his friend Mia?

- A) He gives her a pen
- B) He does her test
- C) He gives her his bag
- D) He tells the teacher

6. What bad thing does Leo do?

- A) He loses the bag
- B) He asks for many things at once
- C) He breaks the bag
- D) He gives it away

7. What happens when Leo breaks the rule?

- A) Nothing happens
- B) The bag disappears
- C) Too many things come out and do not stop
- D) The bag gets small

8. How does Leo fix the problem?

- A) He throws the things away
- B) He hides the things
- C) He gives the things away to people who need them
- D) He keeps everything

9. What does Grandma say magic is for?

- A) For keeping
- B) For sharing, not for keeping
- C) For selling
- D) For school only

10. What is the main idea of the story?

- A) Magic bags are dangerous
- B) Follow the rules, do not be greedy, and share
- C) Always ask for more
- D) Old bags are the best

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. backpack 2. magic 3. rule 4. believe 5. pencil 6. problem 7. greedy 8. safe 9. sharing
10. gift

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



Thank you for reading with Fleydo English School!

Key Ideas: Follow the rules · Do not be greedy · Sharing is better than keeping · A kind heart is the best magic