

# Little Umbrella

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You may have not guessed that,  
but life in the cupboard was tough.  
Little Umbrella was tired of living  
among all this useless stuff.

Little Umbrella sighed all the time,  
she wanted an adventure out there,  
where the leaves fly with the wind  
and the flowers sunbathe without care.





The problem was that Little Umbrella  
couldn't stand getting wet.  
The rain outside always  
made her feel very upset.



So our friend wouldn't leave the house,  
she preferred staying inside,  
eating sandwiches and muffins,  
that was the perfect way to hide.

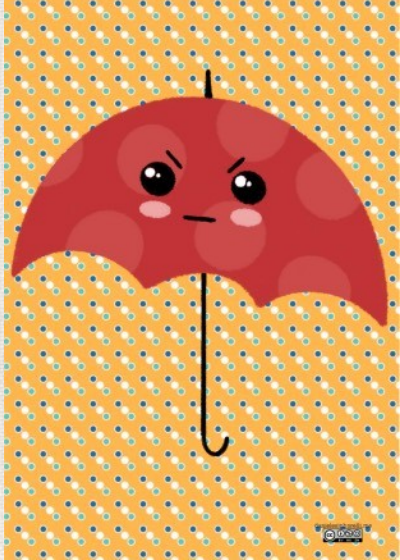




Little Umbrella wanted to fit in,  
but how could she win?



Every time she thought about life,  
she felt rather fed up with herself,  
because being afraid of doing something  
is exactly what you don't want to yourself.





The trouble was that  
she couldn't help feeling too flat.



What wouldn't she do to open that door,  
be brave and go out explore.





She wished to be more courageous,  
instead of feeling so nervous.

You must admit how hard it is  
to fight your fear,  
when inside she had such  
a good cosy atmosphere.





Outside wasn't only wet and muddy,  
it was also cold and cloudy.



Sometimes she dreamt of being  
someone different,  
someone more adventurous  
and confident.





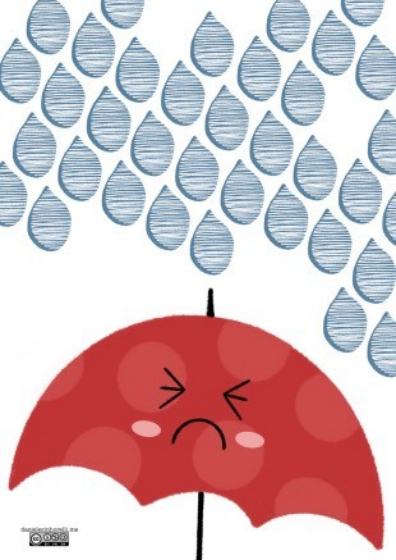
Little Umbrella hoped she could turn into  
someone who could enjoy  
all those great outdoors.  
She wished she could but oh, boy!



Little Umbrella felt  
she could only go out safely  
if the forecast was good and  
the sun was shining brightly.







Even thinking about the rain  
made her feel a great pain.



Little Umbrella was rather sad  
and all she could long for, at the moment,  
was a bunch of pretty flowers  
to give her some better judgment.





Her worst nightmare was being forgotten  
on the last seat of a bus.  
That was definitely something Little Umbrella  
couldn't think of without making a fuss.



Little Umbrella didn't like being nervous,  
so to calm herself down,  
she always thought of being free  
up above the town.





In her imagination there was nothing better  
than flying up there in the sky.  
The sense of freedom was what Little Umbrella  
most longed for, she wouldn't deny.

Instead, down here on the ground,  
it was all about mud all around.





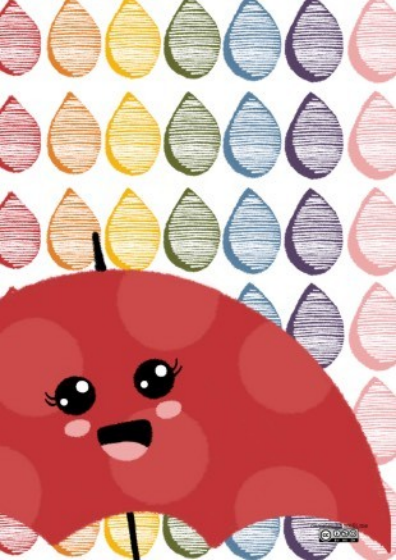
Oh, she almost forgot,  
being left outside a shop,  
was also terrible, and it had to stop.



On the other hand,  
she would always know,  
that there isn't anything  
like an amazing rainbow.







And Little Umbrella,  
she may had been afraid,  
but she knew where  
to find the right aid.





Now everyone should know that  
no matter how hard things can be,  
the right answer is someplace  
there for you to see.





To really make things change,  
you just have to look inside,  
to find how brave you are  
when you don't need to hide.



Then it's easy to know what way to go,  
you only have to let it flow.



## Do you remember the story?

1. What was Little Umbrella's big problem?
2. Why Little Umbrella didn't like the rain?
3. Did Little Umbrella think that she was different from the other umbrellas?
4. When Little Umbrella liked to go outside?
5. What Little Umbrella discovered in the end?



## Getting creative

*A year has four seasons.  
Make a drawing for each one of them.*



Winter

Spring

Summer

Autumn



## Same meaning

*guess*

*worried*

*upset*

*very bad*

*hide*

*problem*

*trouble*

*put away*

*nervous*

*annoyed*

*terrible*

*estimate*



## Alphabetical order

*Put the words below in alphabetical order.*

*Use the alphabet to help you.*

imagination flying sky sense freedom  
umbrella deny mud leaves tree garden

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## Verbs

*A verb is a doing word.*

Underline the verbs in the sentences below.



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## Math time

Subtract the numbers below.

$$19-3=$$

$$16-4=$$

$$17-15=$$

$$15-3=$$

$$18-5=$$

$$14-3=$$

$$17-13=$$

$$10-7=$$

$$12-9=$$

$$18-9=$$

