Ahmad and the New Book

Read the story slowly first, then check the new words and answer the questions.

أَحْمَدُ وَالْكِتَابُ الْجَدِيدُ

أَحْمَدُ طَالِبٌ صَغِيرٌ. يَسْكُنُ فِي مَدِينَةٍ جَمِيلَةٍ.

كُلَّ صَبَاحٍ يَذْهَبُ أَحْمَدُ إِلَى الْمَدْرَسَةِ مَعَ أَخِيهِ.

فِي الطَّرِيقِ يَرَى أَحْمَدُ مَكْتَبَةً كَبِيرَةً.

يَدْخُلُ الْمَكْتَبَةَ وَيَشْتَرِي كِتَابًا جَدِيدًا.

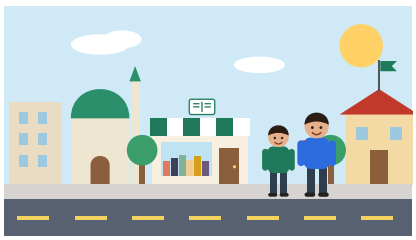
الْكِتَابُ عَنِ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ، وَأَحْمَدُ يُحِبُّ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ كَثِيرًا.

يَرْجِعُ أَحْمَدُ إِلَى الْبَيْتِ وَيَقْرَأُ الْكِتَابَ مَعَ أُمِّهِ.

تَقُولُ الْأُمُّ: «مَا شَاءَ اللهُ! أَنْتَ تُحِبُّ الْقِرَاءَةَ يَا أَحْمَدُ».

يَبْتَسِمُ أَحْمَدُ وَيَقُولُ: «الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، الْقِرَاءَةُ جَمِيلَةٌ».

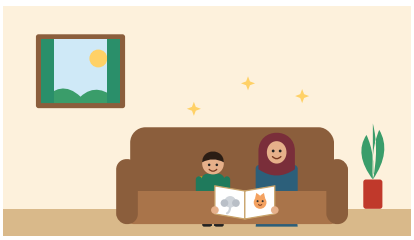
Story pictures



1. Every morning Ahmad walks to school with his brother and passes a big bookshop.



2. Ahmad enters the bookshop and buys a new book about animals.



3. Back at home, Ahmad reads the book with his mother.

Vocabulary | المُفْرَدَات

Arabic	Transliteration	English
طَالِبٌ	ṭālib	student
صَغِيرٌ	ṣaghīr	small, young
يَسْكُنُ	yaskun	lives (resides)
مَدِينَةٌ	madīna	city
جَمِيلَةٌ	jamīla	beautiful
صَبَاحٌ	ṣabāḥ	morning
يَذْهَبُ	yadhhab	goes
مَدْرَسَةٌ	madrasa	school
أَخٌ	akh	brother
طَرِيقٌ	ṭarīq	road, way
يَرَى	yarā	sees
مَكْتَبَةٌ	maktaba	library, bookshop
كَبِيرَةٌ	kabīra	big
يَدْخُلُ	yadkhul	enters
يَشْتَرِي	yashtarī	buys
كِتَابٌ	kitāb	book
جَدِيدٌ	jadīd	new
حَيَوَانٌ	ḥayawān	animal
يُحِبُّ	yuḥibb	loves, likes
يَرْجِعُ	yarjiʿ	returns
بَيْتٌ	bayt	house, home
يَقْرَأُ	yaqraʾ	reads
أُمٌّ	umm	mother
يَبْتَسِمُ	yabtasim	smiles
قِرَاءَةٌ	qirāʾa	reading

Grammar note | مُلَاحَظَةٌ نَحْوِيَّةٌ

> Look at the verbs in the story: **يَسْكُنُ، يَذْهَبُ، يَرَى، يَدْخُلُ، يَشْتَرِي**. They all begin with **يَـ**. This is the present tense (الفِعْل المُضَارِع) for "he". Whenever you see a verb starting with **يَـ**, it usually means *he does* or *he is doing* something.

Comprehension questions | أَسْئِلَةُ الفَهْمِ

1. أَيْنَ يَذْهَبُ أَحْمَدُ كُلَّ صَبَاحٍ؟

(Where does Ahmad go every morning?)

2. مَاذَا يَشْتَرِي أَحْمَدُ مِنَ الْمَكْتَبَةِ؟

(What does Ahmad buy from the bookshop?)

3. مَعَ مَنْ يَقْرَأُ أَحْمَدُ الْكِتَابَ؟

(With whom does Ahmad read the book?)

Answers

1. يَذْهَبُ أَحْمَدُ إِلَى الْمَدْرَسَةِ.

(He goes to school.)

2. يَشْتَرِي كِتَابًا جَدِيدًا.

(He buys a new book.)

3. يَقْرَأُ الْكِتَابَ مَعَ أُمِّهِ.

(He reads it with his mother.)

Practice tip

Read the story aloud three times with the vowels. Then read it again without looking at the vowel marks, and finally cover the English column of the vocabulary table and test yourself.

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