

Level 2

Ledile's Red Balloon
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Ledile loved playing with her balloon.



One day, the balloon floated across the river.



Ledile couldn't swim.
What could she do?



Ledile broke a branch from a tree...



...but the branch was too short to reach the balloon.



A tall man came to the river. Ledile asked for his help.



"I cannot swim, either," said the man.



Ledile decided to wade into the river up to her waist. Maybe then the stick would reach the balloon!
She took off her shoes.



She stepped into the river. The water was soon up to her knees.



She waded further into the river. The water reached her waist. She was scared--and she still could not reach the balloon!



Ledile hurried out of the water.



She was about to give up when she saw a small fish.



"Please help me!" she called to the fish.
"I will try," said the fish.



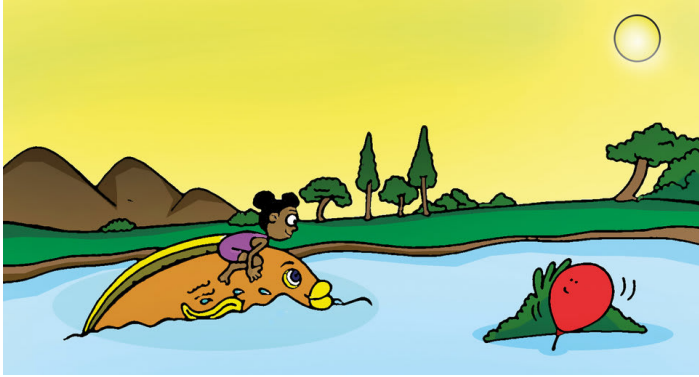
The fish blew and blew, but the balloon did not budge.



Then a bigger fish came along.



"Please help me!"
Ledile asked again.



"I will take you to your balloon," said the big fish.
Ledile hopped onto the fish. She reached her balloon!



Hooray!

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Ledile's Red Balloon (English)

Ledile loves her red balloon. One day, the balloon floats across the river. How will she get her balloon back?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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