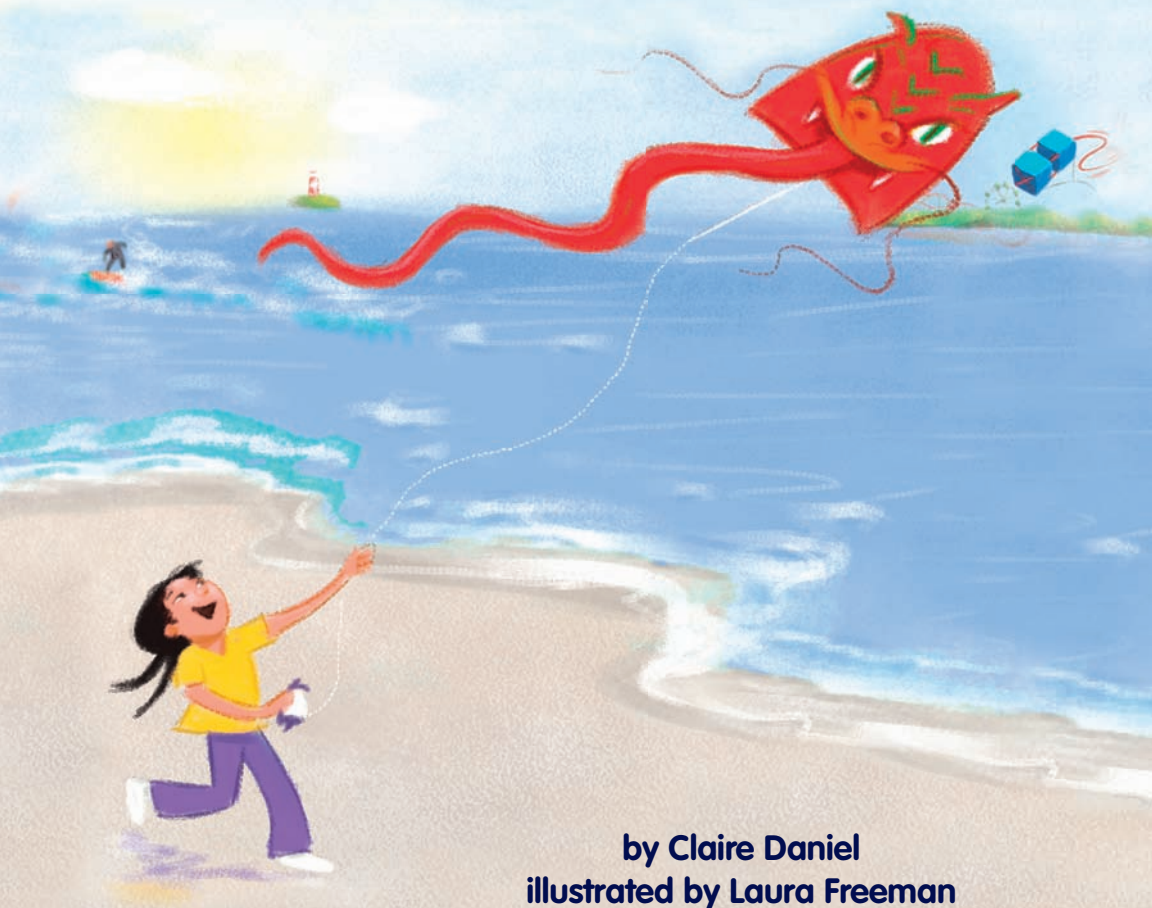




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🔊 School was out for the summer,  
and Sarah was bored.  
So her mom bought her a big, blue  
kite for the kite contest at the beach.



🔊 Mom

🔊 Sarah

🔊 Sarah ran on the beach  
with her kite.

The wind blew hard,  
and the kite flew high up in the sky.  
Sarah was excited. “Maybe I will  
win the contest!” she said.



🔊 Lena was bored that summer, too.  
So she made a kite with her mom.  
Lena's kite looked like a big dragon.



🔊 Lena took her kite to the beach.

She ran, and the kite flew  
up and up.

Lena was excited. "Maybe I'll win  
the contest!" she said.

🔊 Then a big wind came.

Lena's kite raced across the sky.

Sarah's kite raced across the sky.



▶ The two kites bumped together.  
They fell **heavily** to the ground.  
The girls ran to get their kites.

▶ Both kites were broken.  
“Your kite was terrific,” Sarah said.  
“Yours was, too,” Lena **answered**.



🔊 "Our kites are ruined!"

Sarah said.

"Maybe not," Lena said.

"I have an idea."

🔊 She gathered the sticks and paper into a pile.

"What are you **planning** to do?"

Sarah asked.

🔊 "Let's put pieces of both our kites together," Lena said.

"We can make a new kite that will be even better!"





🔊 The girls took both kites apart.

They saved the parts  
that were not broken.

🔊 The girls patched and glued.

They made one long tail.

Finally, they finished the new kite!



🔊 New kite

- ▶ It was time for the kite contest.  
Sarah ran with the kite.  
It flew up. The tail sailed behind it.  
It flew higher and higher.
- ▶ It flew above all the other kites.  
Sarah and Lena won  
the kite contest!



▶ Kite tail

It was time to go home.  
Lena said, "I have an idea."

Sarah **guessed** it.

"Let's take turns!" she said.

"You take the kite first,  
and then I will keep it for a while."

"We have lots of good ideas!"

Lena said.

Now they both had a great kite  
and a great new friend!



# Responding



## **TARGET SKILL** Understanding

**Characters** Lena and Sarah each made a kite. Then they made a kite together. Copy the chart and add details about all three kites.

Sarah's kite	Lena's kite	Kites together
blue	dragon	?



## **Write About It**

**Text to Self** Have you ever made something with a friend? Write a few sentences that compare and contrast making something by yourself and making something with a friend.



### TARGET VOCABULARY

answered

copy

guessed

heavily

knot

lonely

planning

seriously



### TARGET SKILL

### Understanding

**Characters** Tell more about characters



### TARGET STRATEGY

### Question

Ask questions about what you are reading.



**GENRE Realistic fiction** is a story that could happen in real life.

**Level:** I

**DRA:** 16

**Genre:**

Realistic Fiction

**Strategy:**

Question

**Skill:**

Understanding Characters

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