

Writing competition

Book an adventure and whisk us away to new lands and unforgettable characters.

Write a short story about an amazing and unforgettable adventure.

The Great Vocabulary Walk

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Manu is a manuscript. He likes to read and go on adventures. Hiking is his favourite. Today, he was taking
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a hike on the longest trail in the world: The Great Vocabulary Walk.
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On this trail, all kinds of books sprout from trees and Manu, being a book lover, started reading each one. It is called the Great Vocabulary Walk for a reason.
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He had just finished his second book, when he heard a voice cry, 'Don't step on me!'
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Manu lifted his foot up and looked down. There was a flat white rectangle on the trail.
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The flat white rectangle got up and introduced herself as Paper.
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Manu, also, introduced himself and they got to know each other well. Turns out, Paper was doing the same thing as Manu, reading the books that were sprouting from trees.
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And so, they continued their trek, together.
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Paper and Manu were enjoying their time with each other, and both agreed that fiction books are the best.
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They were reading a book about a cat wearing a hat, when they saw a group of letters walking very slowly across the path. Manu asked them what they're doing, and they replied that they're on an adventure: A Book Adventure!
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Where they hike and read books (pretty much kind of like what Manu and Paper are already doing), and they were looking for others to read with.
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So, Manu and Paper both exclaimed, "Join the club!".

Together, the Letters, Paper and Manu happily read every book they could pluck.

Much later, a collective voice hollered, 'Letters! What are you doing here?!' It turns out the cry came from none other than the Words, Letters' cousins.

It was such a fateful reunion!

It seems that the Words were on an exercise trail but having found out that Letters were on a book hike, they decided to join the group.

The Words are a very active bunch, almost polar-opposites to their cousins.

As they plucked a book about a boy wizard, it suddenly transformed into a book cover!

It introduced herself as Cover and explained that she was a (lonely) shapeshifter. She asked if she could join the group's reading adventure, as they seemed to be a great bunch.

Cover was warmly welcomed, and they all started to read the real book about the boy wizard.

Cover was making funny jokes along the trail, when they all reached it, the final book of the hiking trail.

As they were about to grasp it, out popped, Reality! The dream-eater from the old folk tales! The group all knew who he was.

Reality approached the group. And, one by one tried to discourage them from reading.

"Reading is for babies"

"Reading is for dumb and boring people"

"Reading is a waste of time"

The group was undeterred. They approached Reality with great enthusiasm and showed the best things about reading, saying;

"Reading makes you happy"

"Reading takes you on an adventure"

"Reading gives you knowledge"

"Reading helps you make more friends"

"Reading is an opportunity to learn"

Reality realised that this group was not worth his time nor energy and was too much for him to handle. "Book nerds!" he screamed and vanished as quickly as he appeared.

Now that Reality has disappeared, the group finished the final book and completed the Great Vocabulary Walk.

And gained new friends along the way.

Before they parted ways, they all vow to see each other again, because a few months later, Manu, Paper, Letters, Words and Cover meet again on the hiking trail that they first met.

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Ready to read more books and go on another reading adventure.
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The End.

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