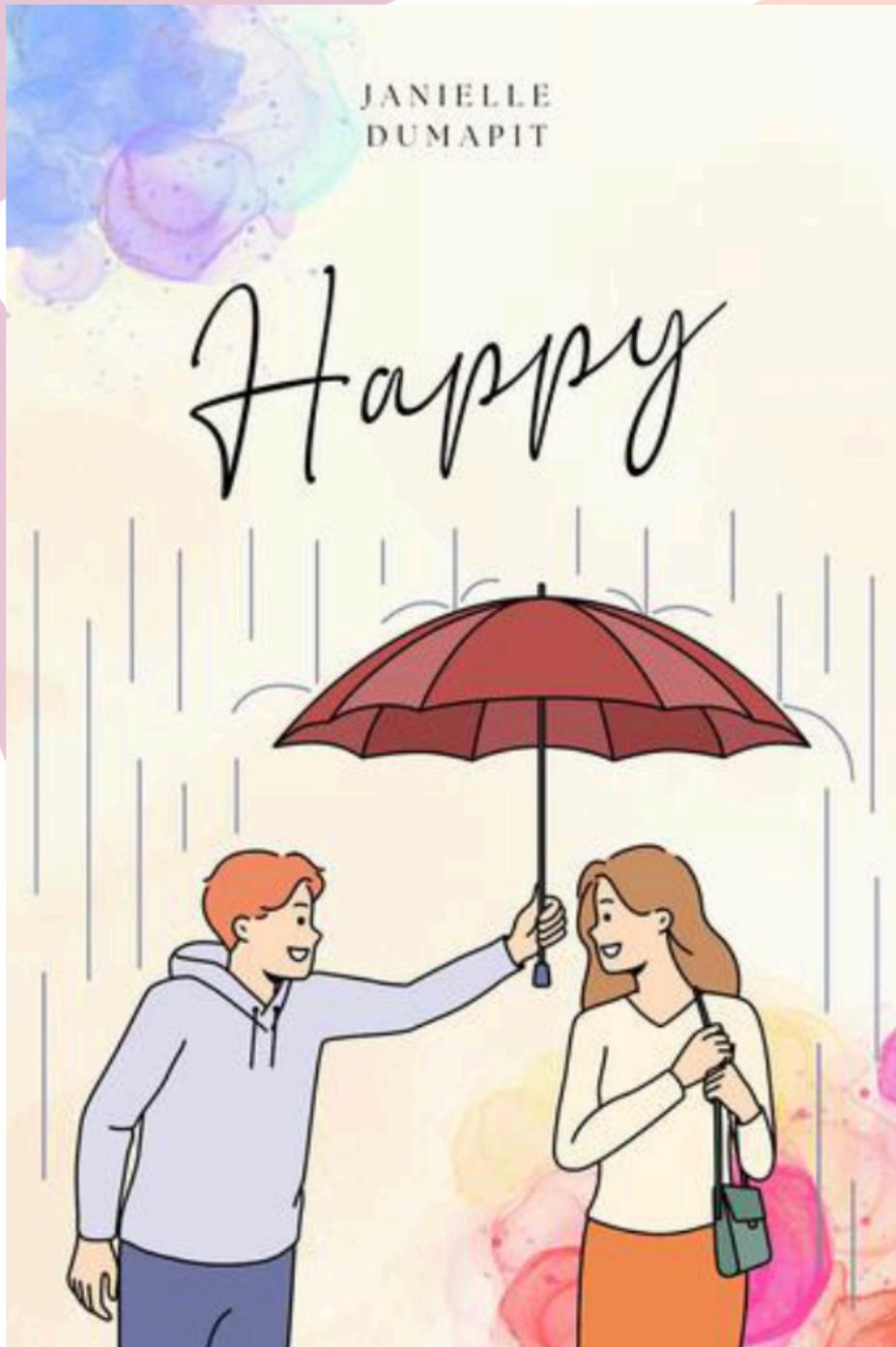


# TEACHER RESOURCES & STUDENT ACTIVITIES



# How to Use Storyshares Teacher Resources & Student Activities

## Pre-Reading

Share **background information**.

Introduce the **vocabulary** to the students. Discuss meanings. Click here for an **instructional routine** for vocabulary.

## Reading

Share the written response to reading prompt ahead of time as the **focus for reading**.

Encourage students to **read a chapter** of the text independently or in pairs.

## After Reading

Students can complete the **trivia worksheet** or make it into a game! Either way, make time to review answers.

Students complete the **written response to reading** prompt.

## Background Information

Ashton, the new kid, decides to choose Alina, the school outcast, as his new friend. No one knows Alina's secrets or personality; she's just the weird girl who sits alone every day. Will he be able to help her open up, or will she stay guarded the whole time?

## Visual Vocabulary

This vocabulary guide was created with English language learners in mind. This table flags Tier 2 vocabulary words in every chapter. This guide includes the definitions in context, as well as images and examples from the text.

## Trivia Questions

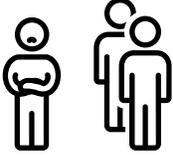
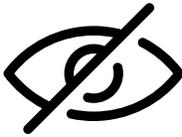
This is a ready-made student worksheet that can be given as a check for understanding after students have finished the book. You can also gamify the trivia questions, making this a small group activity. **Answers: 1. B; 2. C; 3. C; 4. B**



Click [here](#) for reading comprehension worksheets and graphic organizers.



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Word	Definition	Image	Example
<b>crinkled</b> (verb)	to crumple or fold		"He <b>crinkled</b> his nose and leaned against the kitchen doorway." (ch 1)
<b>outcast</b> (noun)	a person who has been excluded by other people		"Alina Clark is an <b>outcast</b> ." (ch 1)
<b>expression</b> (noun)	the appearance of one's face with a certain thought, feeling, or emotion		"Her facial <b>expression</b> made her look like a curious five-year-old girl." (ch 3)
<b>chant</b> (verb)	to shout, sing, or read out loud		"'Having a whole crowd <b>chant</b> your name when you make a touchdown,' he said." (ch 3)
<b>sighed</b> (verb)	breathed out in a loud way to show exhaustion or frustration		"He <b>sighed</b> and lay down." (ch 4)
<b>subtle</b> (adjective)	not too obvious		"'Is that your <b>subtle</b> way of asking me out on a date?' Ashton joked." (ch 4)
<b>cliché</b> (adjective)	a standard idea, worn out because it's been overused		"I know this isn't a <b>cliché</b> movie but you have to chase after her, Ashton." (ch 5)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Multiple Choice

Read the questions carefully. Choose the answer that fits the question best.

**1. Why did Ashton initially complain about having takeout for dinner?**

- A. He wanted to order pizza instead.
- B. It was the third time that week and he was tired of it.
- C. He was allergic to the food.
- D. He preferred eating alone.

**2. Why does Ashton decide to sit with Alina repeatedly at lunch, despite others' opinions of her?**

- A. He wants to impress his brother Luke by making an outcast friend.
- B. He has been assigned by a teacher to keep Alina company.
- C. He values forming his own judgments and wants to be her friend regardless of her reputation.
- D. He is trying to fit in with the popular group that includes Alina.

**3. Why did Alina's father decide to move out of their house after her mother's death?**

- A. He found a new job far away.
- B. Alina asked him to leave.
- C. The house held too many memories for him.
- D. They couldn't afford to stay.

**4. How does Ashton react when he finds Alina's house empty after she moves?**

- A. He celebrates, thinking it's time to move on.
- B. He feels empty and upset, realizing he won't see her again.
- C. He calls her immediately and asks her to return.
- D. He quickly befriends someone new at school to forget her.

### Written Response to Reading

How did Ashton support Alina after her mother passed away? (*Ashton supported Alina after her mother passed away by...*)

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