# **Another View**

by Anita N. Amin

One misty morning, Chloe and Joey were looking around their backyard. They were sitting on the grass.

Joey saw a rock with little plants on it. "Look at that mossy green rock!" Joey cried.

"That is not a rock," Chloe said. "It's a



dinner table for snails." A snail inched over to the rock to munch on the plants.

Next, Joey saw a leaf. "Look at that pretty yellow leaf!" Joey cried.

"That is not a leaf," Chloe said. "It's a blanket for beetles." A beetle crawled under the warm leaf.

Then, Joey saw a flower. "Look at that red flower!" Joey cried.

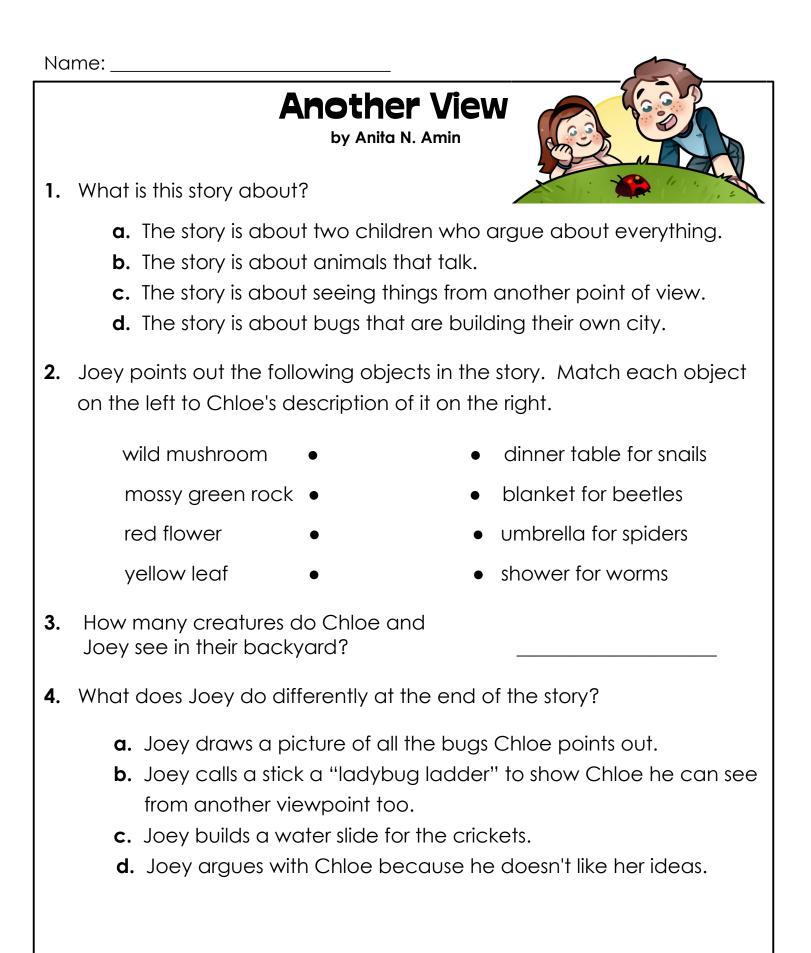
"That is not a flower," Chloe said. "It's a shower for worms." A worm played in the water under the flower as dewdrops dripped from the petals.

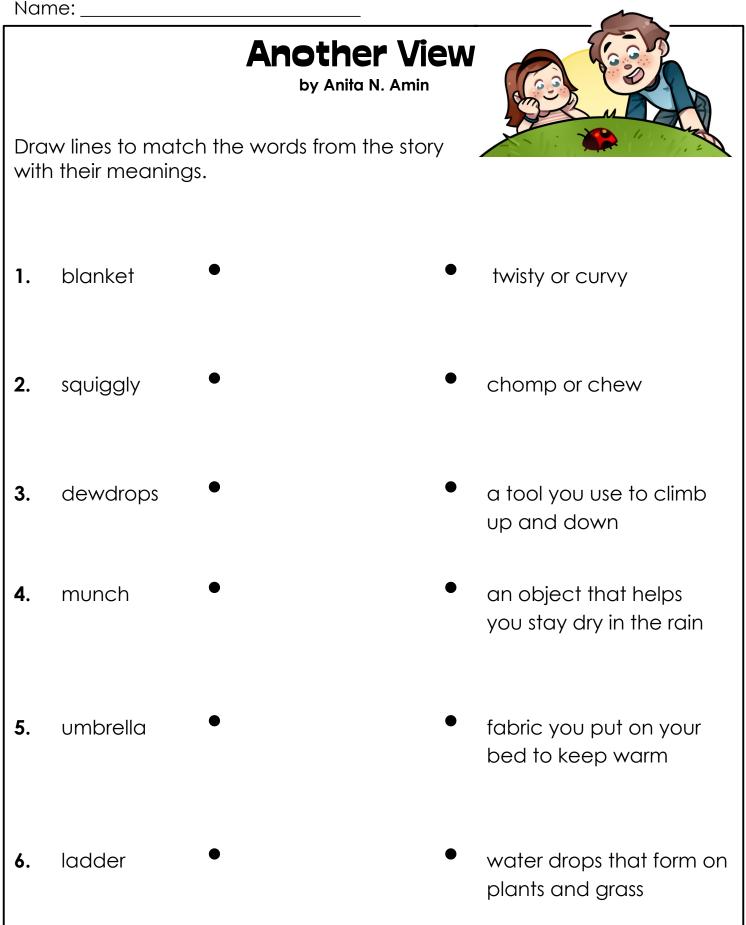
"Look at that wild mushroom!" Joey cried.

"That is not a mushroom," Chloe said. "It's an umbrella for spiders." A spider knit a web under the mushroom away from the mist.

Finally, Joey saw a stick. "Look at that squiggly-" Joey stopped. If he called it a stick, Chloe would say it was not a stick. So, Joey cried, "Look at that squiggly ladybug ladder!"

Chloe grinned at Joey and said, "Now you're seeing things from another point of view!"





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In the story, "Another View," Joey learns to see ordinary objects in his backyard from a different point of view. Answer the question below.

Describe your backyard (or a special space in your house). What is your favorite part? What would you change, if anything? Write your answer on the lines below.

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- 1. What is this story about? **c** 
  - **a.** The story is about two children who argue about everything.
  - **b.** The story is about animals that talk.
  - c. The story is about seeing things from another point of view.
  - **d.** The story is about bugs that are building their own city.
- 2. Joey points out the following objects in the story. Match each object on the right to Chloe's description of it on the left.

wild mushroom

mossy green rock

red flower

yellow leaf



- dinner table for snails
  - blanket for beetles
- umbrella for spiders
- shower for worms
- **3.** How many creatures do Chloe and Joey see in their backyard?

<u>four</u>

- 4. What does Joey do differently at the end of the story? **b** 
  - a. Joey draws a picture of all the bugs Chloe points out.
  - b. Joey calls a stick a "ladybug ladder" to show Chloe he can see from another viewpoint too.
  - c. Joey builds a water slide for the crickets.
  - d. Joey argues with Chloe because he doesn't like her ideas.

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