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# Friends Across Miles

By Kelly Hashway

Dana slumped down on the couch and sighed.

"What's wrong, little sis," Megan asked her, sitting down beside Dana.

"I'm bored," Dana muttered.

"Just because Elianna moved across the country doesn't mean there's nothing to do. You have plenty of other friends. Why don't you call one of them?"



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Elianna.



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"Hi, Dana!" Elianna said, once her face popped up on the screen.

"Hi. Megan wants to know if you're bored like I am."

"Totally," Elianna said. "I miss you."

"I miss you, too," Dana said, the smile leaving her face.

"Okay, you two," Megan said. "You can't mope around just because you don't live two houses apart anymore. Why don't you both go out and have fun? In fact, why don't you see how much you can do in one day, and then you can chat tonight and tell each other all about it?"

Dana and Elianna both shrugged. "Okay."

Dana and Megan headed out for a day of fun, and by seven o'clock, Dana couldn't wait to tell Elianna about her day. She logged back onto the video chat. "Hey, Elianna!"

"Hey! I actually had a pretty fun day."

"Me too."

"What did you do?" Elianna asked.

"First I biked to the lake."

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"Mine too!" Dana shouted.

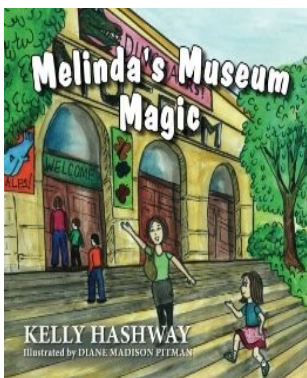
"Everything okay in here?" Megan asked, walking into the room.

"Yeah, but listen to this. Elianna and I did all the same things today."

"I'm not surprised. You two have been hanging out together since you were in diapers. I knew you would manage to stay best friends no matter how many miles are between you."

Dana looked at Elianna and smiled. "Yeah. Between video chatting and visiting during school breaks, we'll stay best friends forever."

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *Melinda's Museum Magic*, is now available!

Melinda is taking her first trip to the museum, and her mother promises it will be magical. But when the exhibits start coming to life in ways that only Melinda can see, she'll learn the real magic of the museum.

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- a. She was at home sick.
- b. Her best friend moved out of town.
- c. It was a rainy day and she couldn't go outside
- d. Her family moved to a new town.



2. Who is Megan?

- a. Dana's best friend
- b. Dana's cousin
- c. Dana's older sister
- d. Dana's younger sister

3. W



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4. Circle the activities that both Dana and Megan did not do on Saturday.

ride a bike	go to the mall	have a picnic
go to the movies	watch a movie on TV	play video games

5. What lesson did Dana learn at the end of the story?

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ slumped

a. having control over something

2. \_\_\_\_\_ sighed

b. to talk with someone in a casual way

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



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6. \_\_\_\_\_ mope

f. speak quietly so that it is hard for other people to hear

7. \_\_\_\_\_ shrugged

g. let in and out a long, loud breath to show boredom or disappointment

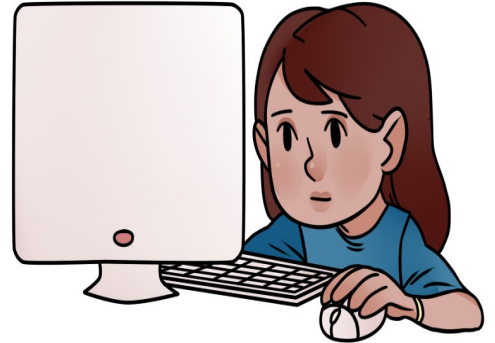
❖ **Now try this:** Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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In the story, "Friends Across Miles," Dana felt bored because her best friend who she spent Saturdays with, moved away. However, with a little help from Megan she found a way to fix it.



Have you ever felt like Dana? Write about a time in your life when you felt bored, and be sure to include what you did to fix it!

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# ANSWER KEY

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1. Why was Dana bored? **b**



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always remain best friends.

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