



Rumble's Rainy Day

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Rumble's back wheel is stuck in the mud. Leo pushes. Kapi pushes. Nana pushes too. Nothing moves at all. So they stop pushing and play in the puddles instead — and the rain stops, the mud dries, and Rumble rolls free all by himself.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Read it on a screen, or print it at home — the pages fit A4 and US Letter without cutting anything off. "Push, push! Rumble is stuck." comes back four times, and "Splash, splash! Wait and play." answers it three times. Pause before each and let them say it with you.

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The garden was grey. Soft rain came down. Rumble sat on the path.



Rumble wanted to roll around. His back wheel sank down. The soft mud held on tight.



Rumble could not go anywhere. His little horn sighed low. Push, push! Rumble is stuck.



Leo ran down the wet path. He wore his odd socks. He knelt by Rumble's wheel. "I can help you, Rumble!"



Leo pushed with both hands. He pushed and pushed again. The back wheel did not move.



Rain dripped off Leo's curls. The mud went squish, squish. Push, push! Rumble is stuck.



Kapi came splashing up the path. His red bandana was wet. He patted Rumble's warm hood. "I can help you too!"



Kapi pushed right beside Leo. Two friends pushed together now. The wheel still did not move.



Kapi sat down with a plop. Muddy water splashed everywhere. Push, push!
Rumble is stuck.



Nana came with a big umbrella. Her patchwork apron was damp. She held it over Rumble. "I can help you three!"



All three pushed at once. They pushed with all their might. The wheel stayed in the mud.



Nana let out a slow breath. She looked up at the sky. Push, push! Rumble is stuck.



"Let's wait," said Nana softly. "Let's play until it stops." She lifted her red accordion. Splash, splash! Wait and play.



Leo jumped in a puddle. Kapi splashed in beside him. Rumble beeped a happy beep.



Nana played a splashy tune. They stomped and laughed and spun. Nobody minded the rain now. Splash, splash! Wait and play.



The rain slowed right down. Then it stopped completely. Warm gold sun came out.



The wet mud dried and cracked. Rumble's wheel slipped gently free. He rolled out all by himself. Splash, splash! Wait and play.



The garden was bright. Soft sun came down. Rumble rolled on the path.

Reading it together

The words do a small part of the work. Most of it happens in what you say around them. None of this needs preparation — it is what you would do anyway, written down so it is easy to remember at the end of a long day.

1. Let them finish the line

"Push, push! Rumble is stuck." comes back four times, then flips to "Splash, splash! Wait and play." Pause and wait — the silence is the invitation.

2. Count who is pushing

One pushes, then two, then three, and it still does not move. Counting up while the result stays the same is a gentle first taste of "more effort" not meaning "more luck".

3. Say what waiting feels like

Nana does not fix anything; she changes what they do while they wait. "Waiting is boring, isn't it?" is a fair thing to say to a two-year-old, and naming it helps.

4. Look at how the garden changed

It opens grey and ends gold, in the same spot from the same angle. Turn back to the first page and put them side by side — the change is easy to see and fun to point at.

5. Stop early if they are done

A book left unfinished today is a book they will come back to. Guidance from the WHO puts screen time for this age at under an hour a day; a paper book has no such limit.



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