



Where is Nandini?

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Malini lives on a farm.
She is **nine**.





Her brother Shankar is **two years older** than her. Their cousins Ganesh and Nandini also live there. Ganesh is **three years younger** than Malini. At four, Nandini is the **youngest**.

One day, Amma tells Malini to take the cows to the field.

Malini trots off to the cowshed, feeling very important.



Lakshmi is a **big** cow.

Ganga is **smaller**.

Padma is the **biggest** cow,
and Kaveri, her calf, is the **smallest**.

Which cow has the biggest horns?





"Malu, we're coming too!" Ganesh and Nandini call.
"Follow me and don't go running here and there!" Malini says sternly.
"I'm in charge today."

Malini leads the cows to the field and
doesn't take her eyes off them.

"Oh look, such pretty flowers!" says Nandini.
"I am going to make a garland."





“I want to make garlands too!” says Ganesh. The two children run off.

Meanwhile, the cows graze peacefully. A cool breeze is blowing.



After some time, Shankar comes looking for Ganesh and Nandini. Malini calls out and Ganesh comes running.

But where is Nandini? They cannot spot her anywhere!



“Look, footsteps!”
Malini points to the
wet mud.

“Let’s follow them,”
says Shankar.

“But there are so
many!” says Ganesh.

*Which coconut tree at the back is
the tallest?*

“Mine is **small**,” says Ganesh.

“My footprint is this **big**.”
Malini puts her foot forward.





“Mine is **bigger** than Malini’s,” says Shankar. “And Nandini’s is **even smaller** than yours, right Ganesh?” says Malini. They follow the **smallest** set of footprints.

There she is, lying on the grass,
fast asleep!

Ganesh starts tickling her awake.
Nandini wakes up with a start.





Shankar **smiles** at this.

Malini is **grinning**.

Ganesh starts **laughing**. And Nandini **laughs the loudest**.



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Where is Nandini? (English)

The farm has cows of different sizes. Malini has to take them to graze in the field. While she watches them, her little cousin Nandini goes missing! So she sets out to track Nandini down. Will she find her? The story introduces the concept of sorting.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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