

Grandma's Bananas

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Aloud

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My name is Deepa. My Grandma loves me and I love her. I like to visit her. She tells me secrets. But not the secret of the bananas.

I love to eat the bananas that grow in Grandma's garden. Some bananas are yellow and some are green. The yellow bananas are ripe and sweet. I want to know how they can get so ripe and sweet.



One day I see a big tub in Grandma's garden. I ask Grandma, "What is the tub for?" Grandma says, "That's my magic tub."

Next to the tub are big green banana leaves. I ask, "What are the leaves for?" Grandma says, "They are my magic leaves."



So I ask Grandma, "How does the magic work?"

Grandma says, "Don't be silly! You ask about too many things. Just go home and get me my pot. "

So I run home because I don't want Grandma to be mad at me.



The next day I visit Grandma again. I still want to know about the magic and the bananas.

Then Grandma sends me inside to get her cane.

As I go inside, I smell the sweet bananas.



Just then, I see the tub with the magic leaves on top.

It is next to Grandma's cane.



So I peek under the leaves and there are the sweet yellow ripe bananas.

The bananas smell so sweet that I have to taste them.

So, I make a plan to taste the bananas.



First, I take a bunch of bananas and put them under my top.

Next, I sneak past Grandma working in her garden so she can't see me.



Then, I find a place to hide in the garden. After that, I eat the bananas.

I give some to my hen. They taste so sweet, and we eat all of the bananas in the bunch.



After that I go with Grandma to the market.

But Grandma does not have many bananas to sell at the market.

We ate too many of her bananas. I feel very upset.



After the market, my mother, father and Grandma call me.

I tell them I will not take what is not mine to take.

They say I need to do something to pay back Grandma.



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