

## **Miss Mae's Saturday**

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Is anything as sad and boring as being stuck inside on a rainy Saturday? It depends on your imagination... Miss Mae goes on marvellous adventures with her grandmother. But this week a storm is keeping them stuck indoors. Mae is terribly disappointed. That is, until Grandma produces a giant cardboard box and promises Mae the most exciting adventure she's ever had. All Mae needs is a little imagination.



Teacher notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher, Random House. A full version is available on their website.

### **Themes:**

- Spending time with family
- Imagination, creativity and play
- Exploring the natural world
- Experiencing other places and cultures

### **Discussion Points and activities:**

- Look at the front cover of the book. Does the aeroplane look different from other aeroplanes or pictures of planes you've seen? What material do you think the plane is made of? What do you think this tells us about the story?
- How do you think Mae felt about the cardboard box when Grandma first gave it to her? Why do you think this?
- What was your favourite place Miss Mae and Grandma visited, and why?
- What is your favourite place to visit with your family, and why?
- Do you think Mae ends up enjoying the game Grandma suggests? When does the story give the first hint that Mae is joining in on the game?
- How do you keep yourself entertained on rainy days?
- What do your parents or other adults tell you about how they played as children? What's similar to what you do? What's different?
- Does your family have any traditions or ceremonies involving food and drink, like the Korean women in Miss Mae's Saturday?
- Three pages of activities are attached for you to use with your students.

## Miss Mae's Activities

1. Can you find two places Mae and her Grandma visit on a map of the world?
2. Can you find the city you live in on a map?
3. Can you find a country you would like to visit one day on the map?
4. In Africa, Mae and her grandma are surrounded by long grass. In Korea, they see lots of cherry trees in bloom. Think about the city/town or the country you live in. What kind of plants or landscape would you draw to help describe it to someone who had never been there before? Try drawing it in the box below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a dark blue border, intended for a student to draw a landscape or scene to describe their location.

## Miss Mae's Activities (page 2)

5. Mae has wonderful adventures with her grandma. Do you have a relative or family friend who you visit, or who visits you? What are some things you like to do together?

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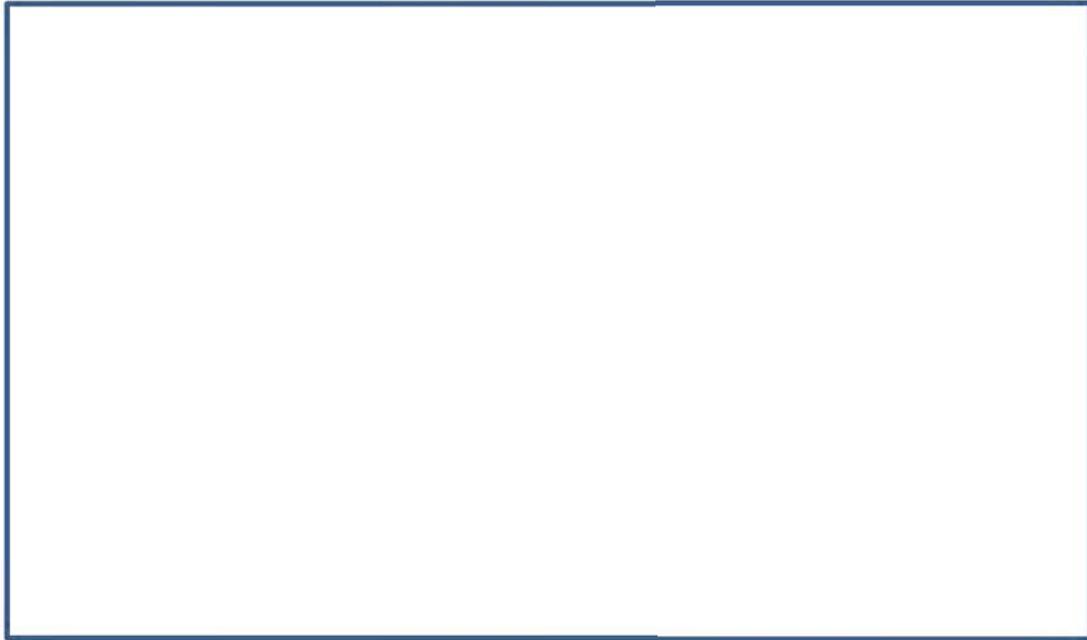
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6. Draw yourself and your relative/family friend having one of your adventures in the box below.



## Miss Mae's Activities (page 3)

7. Imagine you are Grandma and you need to create another cardboard vehicle to travel in. Where do you want to go? How will you get there? Try drawing the vehicle you would use.



8. Can you name three or more planets other than Earth?

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