

# Conversation Starters for After Reading *Ari's Awful Day*



The key to making the most of any book is a great conversation with your students after you read it. The sooner you talk to a child after a book is read, with as much detail as possible, the better they will recall the important lessons you want them to learn.

But don't feel as if you need to ask all these questions at one time! You could ask one or two questions and then follow-up the next day with a few more.

Start with questions to check if they understood the story.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the new kid?
2. What kind of animal is Ari?
3. What did Mainer bring to Ari as a gift?
4. How did Ari describe Mainer at first? What did Mainer look like?
5. What did Mainer believe was true about lions?

## Older kids:

1. What did Ari learn in this story?
2. What did Mainer learn in this story?
3. What did YOU learn from this story?

## FEELING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been in a place where didn't know anyone? How did that feel?
2. How do you feel when someone is better at something than you? Why?
3. Has someone surprised you with a gift? How did that make you feel?

## VALUES QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Ari described Mainer differently than he looked?
2. Why is it important until you know someone before deciding about what they are like?
3. If someone said mean things to you about another kid, what would you do?

## ACTION QUESTIONS

1. Do you know any lonely kids? How can we encourage them?
2. Who could we send a gift to tomorrow to make them feel special?
3. Let's plan ahead, what will you do the next time you see kids being unkind to one another?

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## FEEDBACK

Please send any feedback you have on these questions to [ari@arithelion.com](mailto:ari@arithelion.com).

## ARI'S KINDNESS CLUB

Don't forget, Ari's Kindness Club is a special, free club that your students can join. When a parent signs them up at [www.arithelion.com/aris-kindness-club](http://www.arithelion.com/aris-kindness-club) they will receive a membership card and a special gift in the mail and monthly membership emails.

Those emails will have:

Exclusive additional stories from Ari, Mainer, and their friends!

- A special kindness challenge!
- A colouring page
- Activities
- AND the chance to submit your pictures and kindness stories which could be published online or in future editions of the Kindness Club email.

Please feel free to let the parents of your students know about the program! If you would like to download a free postcard that you can print or email to parents, please go to [www.arithelion.com/teacher-resources](http://www.arithelion.com/teacher-resources).

