Use these activities and discussion questions to celebrate
Real Friends by New York Times Bestsellers
Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham with your readers!

- SET THE SCENE! Use the Real Friends posters to decorate for your event.
- TALK ABOUT REAL FRIENDS! Author Shannon Hale has put together a few discussion questions to get you started.
- CRAFT! Create adorable friendship bracelets using the instructions included in this kit.
- CREATE! Encourage young readers to write and draw their own graphic novel using the template provided.
- QUIZ! Participants can take the Real Friends Friendship quiz.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Author Shannon Hale put together some questions to kick off your REAL FRIENDS book discussion!

When you read the book how did you feel?

Have you ever felt like little Shannon did in the book?

How can you tell if a friend is a real friend?

Do you ever worry about friends?

Were there some things that little Shannon did that you thought were the wrong choice?

Do you think in books the main character needs to be perfect?

Has reading this book changed how you think about other people?

What do you do to be a real friend?
MAKE YOUR OWN REAL FRIENDS FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

STEP 1:
Take two different colored strings. Tie them together at one end and tape them down.

STEP 2:
Hold one string tight and knot the other around it.

STEP 3:
Pull string tight until knot is secure.

STEP 4:
Repeat steps 2 and 3, alternating colors as desired, until bracelet is complete.
Create your own story about you and your friends by drawing in the empty boxes below!
IS YOUR FRIEND A REAL FRIEND?

IT'S LUNCHTIME: DOES YOUR FRIEND INVITE YOU TO SIT WITH THEM?
- They said yes when I asked!
- Not always

YOUR FRIEND WANTS TO WATCH A SCARY MOVIE, BUT YOU DON'T. WHAT DO YOU DO?
- Find a movie you both want to watch!
- Watch and get scared!

WOULD YOUR FRIEND EVER SNEAK A PEEK AT YOUR DIARY OR JOURNAL?
- No way!
- Maybe?
- Yes way!

DO YOU AND YOUR FRIEND LIKE THE SAME THINGS?
- Totally! We're basically twins!
- Not really

EVEN THOUGH YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE THE SAME STUFF, DO THEY STILL CARE ABOUT THE THINGS YOU LIKE?
- Definitely!
- Only sometimes

IF SOMEONE MADE FUN OF YOU, YOUR FRIEND WOULD...
- Laugh
- Stay quiet but check on you after
- Stand up for you

HOW DOES YOUR FRIEND MAKE YOU FEEL?
- Self-conscious
- Safe

YOU HAD A BAD DAY AND START TO CRY, WHAT DOES YOUR FRIEND DO?
- Give you a hug
- Call you a cry baby

RESULT 1: REAL FRIENDS should definitely be supportive. Talk to your friends about your hobbies. They might be more interested than you think!

RESULT 2: REAL FRIENDS should always check on how you're feeling, but make sure to tell your friends how you felt if they stayed quiet and be honest if you're upset!

RESULT 3: A REAL FRIEND shouldn't make you feel self-conscious! Remember to believe in yourself because real friends like you for who you are!

RESULT 4: 100% REAL FRIEND! You've got a bestie for life!

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