

REAL FRIENDS

EVENT KIT and ACTIVITIES!



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.



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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?

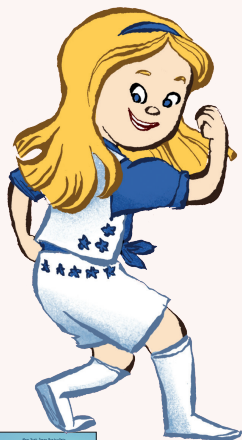
Do you ever worry about friends?

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

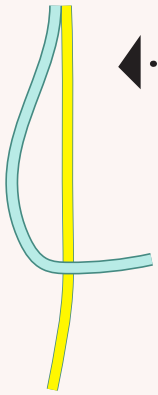
Do you think in books the main character
needs to be perfect?

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

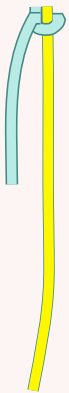
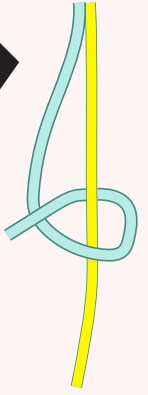


STEP 1:

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.

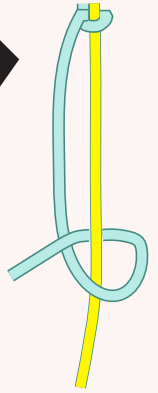


STEP 3:

Pull string tight until knot is secure.

STEP 4:

Repeat steps 2 and 3, alternating colors as desired, until bracelet is complete.



DRAW YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL!

INSPIRED BY REAL FRIENDS

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?

Of course!
They saved
me a seat!



YOUR FRIEND WANTS
TO WATCH A SCARY
MOVIE, BUT YOU DON'T.
WHAT DO YOU DO?

They said yes
when I asked!

WOULD YOUR FRIEND EVER SNEAK A
PEEK AT YOUR DIARY OR JOURNAL?

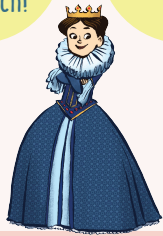
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always



DO YOU AND YOUR FRIEND
LIKE THE SAME THINGS?

Find a movie
you both want
to watch!

Watch and
get scared!



IF SOMEONE MADE FUN OF YOU,
YOUR FRIEND WOULD...

No
way!

Maybe?

Yes
way!

Totally!
We're basically
twins!

Not
really

HOW DOES YOUR FRIEND
MAKE YOU FEEL?

EVEN THOUGH YOU
MIGHT NOT LIKE THE
SAME STUFF, DO THEY
STILL CARE ABOUT
THE THINGS YOU LIKE?

Laugh

Stay quiet
but check on
you after

Stand up
for you

Self-
conscious

Safe

Definitely!

Only
sometimes

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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