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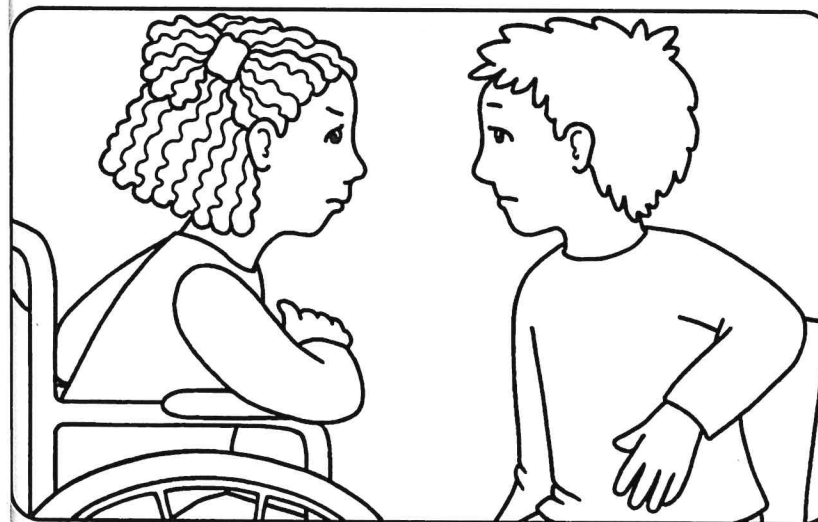
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# The Scientist and the Poet

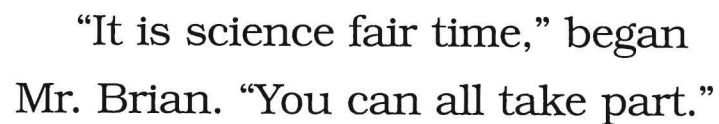


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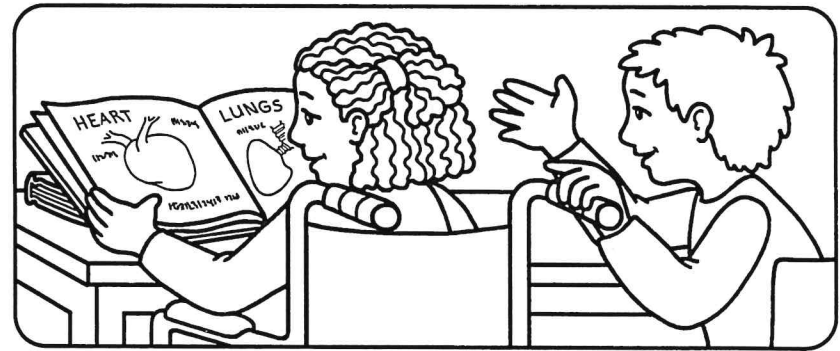
Annie and Mavis were best in science. If they were partners, they could win first prize.

Jacob held no such hopes. He did not dislike science. He just liked writing poems more.



Mr. Brian went on in a monotone. "Draw the name of your science fair partner."

Annie's hands trembled as she read her partner's name. She could not imagine how she would win first prize now!



"Hand me that picture, Jacob," demanded Annie.

"What is the plan?" asked Jacob graciously.

Annie said, "I'll build a machine."

"What will I do?" Jacob questioned. "I want to be as helpful as possible."



"You are a poet!" laughed Annie. "You are as helpful to me as a Martian!"

Jacob did not like being prejudged. "I am a man of action! I am not just old baggage!"



"Cut a piece of tube for me," Annie told Jacob.

Jacob felt underused. "I want to do more. I'll write up the project. I am good with words."

Annie cautiously nodded her head. She said, "That sounds fine."



"I learned a lot by working with you," said Jacob.

"Thanks," said Annie. "But I am not sure we will beat Andrew." Then she added, "I'll settle for second place."

Jacob wanted to cheer up Annie. "Andrew's mom did his project. We did ours on our own."

## Hearts

Hearts are machines.  
That is true.  
Hearts take blood in  
And send it out too.

Hearts do more  
Than just pump blood.  
They fill with joy—  
A wonderful flood.

Hearts are light  
When kindness speaks.  
That joy is felt  
For weeks and weeks.





“You did it. Your poem was the key,” said Annie unselfishly.

“The science lover and the poet made a good team after all,” said Jacob. “I knew we would.”

**The End**

### Understanding the Story

*Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.*

1. What special event did Mr. Brian announce?
2. Which classmate did Annie want for a partner?
3. What did Annie and Jacob build?
4. What was Jacob’s part of the project?

Answers: 1. a science fair 2. Mavis 3. a heart that pumps fake blood 4. a poem about hearts

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Understanding the Story

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#### The Scientist and the Poet

*Questions are on the last page of the mini book.*

Directions: Answer each question with a complete sentence. Use proper spelling, capitals, and periods. Please write neatly.

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