

# Max & Robbie's Magical Train Ride



A Story About Thoughtfulness

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"Mum! Let us help you run your errands!" volunteered Max excitedly.

"Are you sure you're able to deliver food to your grandparents?" Mum was doubtful. "It's going to be the first time you're taking the train on your own."



"Yes, we can! It's going to be a grand adventure!" exclaimed Max's best friend, Robbie.

"Alright! Here you go. Stay safe and be gracious on the train," Mum reminded the boys.



Through the gantry,



down the escalator...



and onto the platform  
the boys went.

"Uh-oh! Where are the train doors?" asked a worried Max.



"Looks like the passengers  
are blocking the train doors  
and getting in the way of  
those alighting. We have got to  
do something!" answered Robbie.



Clickety-clack came the sound of high-heels.  
"Look, it's Give-Way Glenda!" Max cheered.

Let's all glide to  
the side and  
give way to those  
alighting.



With a step and a slide,  
to the left and the right,  
everyone parted to make way.

After letting others alight, Max and Robbie hopped on board with ease. Give-Way Glenda waved them goodbye from the platform and the boys were on their way.



"1, 2, 3, 4, 5..."  
Eager to meet Grandpa and Grandma, Max and Robbie counted the number of stops to their home.

At the next station, a pink flamingo wobbled and hobbled in.  
"Max!" said Robbie, "Miss Flamingo looks like she needs a seat."



Max looked around but all the seats were taken. The nearest one was occupied by Mr Lion. He was busy on his phone and barely noticed Miss Flamingo.  
"Uh-oh. What should we do?" asked Robbie, looking concerned.

A shimmer on the sticker behind the elderly lady caught Max and Robbie's eyes.  
With a twinkle and sparkle, out came Stand-Up Stacey!



"Hi, Mr Lion! Would you mind giving up your seat to Miss Flamingo, please?" Stand-Up Stacey requested.

We give up our seats  
for those in need!



Mr Lion immediately stood up. "I'm sorry, Miss Flamingo. I was too engrossed in my game," he apologised.

"Thank you, Mr Lion, Stand-Up Stacey and boys," Miss Flamingo responded gratefully.



Stand-Up Stacey winked and popped back into the sticker in the blink of an eye.

"Yio Chu Kang..."  
went the train announcement.

NS15 Yio Chu Kang



Mr and Mrs Giraffe lumbered in,  
lugging two big bags on their backs.

It was getting squeezezy and squishy.  
Max and Robbie huddled close to avoid  
getting hit by the giraffes' bags.

"Uh-oh. Max, what should we do now?"  
asked a helpless Robbie.





Out of the blue, the roof of the cabin opened. Within seconds, Bag-Down Benny slid down from a rope.



"We're sorry, boys! We're so used to carrying these bags everywhere that we forgot to put them down," said Mrs Giraffe sheepishly.



"Thank you. It's much more comfortable now," Robbie replied.

"Thank you for your help!" Max called out as Bag-Down Benny ascended the rope.



More passengers poured into the train at the next stop and crowded around Max and Robbie near the doors.



That's when Max realised, "We should all move in to the middle of the cabin."

"Uh-oh. But now we're stuck here," Robbie murmured regrettably.



Suddenly, the lights dimmed. A spotlight beamed on, casting a silhouette in the cabin. It was Move-In Martin!



Let's shuffle in to make space for more to join the ride!



"Thank you, everyone, for moving in. All of you are the real stars!" gushed Move-In Martin.

Move-In Martin took a bow and vanished into thin air with a poof!

POOF!



Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!



"Mr Koala is blasting music so loudly. I can hear what he is listening to through his headphones," Robbie grumbled.



"Shhh.... Let's try to get him to lower the volume," Max mouthed as he placed a finger to his lips.



Quietly, a secret passageway opened up and out came Hush-Hush Hannah.

"You know what to do," she gestured and whispered.

"Hi, Mr Koala, let's keep our volume down, shall we?" prompted Max and Robbie politely.

We can keep this train ride peaceful for everyone around!



Mr Koala immediately lowered the volume of his music and apologised, "I'm sorry, I got carried away!"

Max and Robbie rejoiced, "A quiet train ride is just what we like! Thank you!"



"Indeed," Hush-Hush Hannah agreed. She tiptoed down the underground staircase and disappeared from sight.

"We've reached Sembawang MRT Station!"  
Max and Robbie said in unison as they hopped off the train,  
excited to visit Grandpa and Grandma.

MAKE JOYFUL RIDES  
WITH YOUR  
THOUGHTFUL SIDE



As they exited the station,  
five familiar faces on a poster  
made them smile in delight.

"Congratulations on your first train ride without your mum and dad, Max!  
Thanks, Robbie, for coming along as well!" Grandpa praised the boys while  
Grandma gave them a hug.

Give way.  
Stand up.  
Bag down.  
Move in.  
It was fun!

Oh yeah!  
Don't forget  
hush-hush!



"What an interesting ride," Grandma remarked.  
Max and Robbie nodded in agreement.



It was truly a wonderful,  
magical journey with  
thoughtfulness all around!

# Activities

That magical train ride was fun, wasn't it?  
Let's play some games to practise what you've learnt!



# THOUGHTFUL MATCH

Now that you know all the thoughtful moves, can you match each of the characters to their signature move? Grab your pencil and match each message to the correct character!

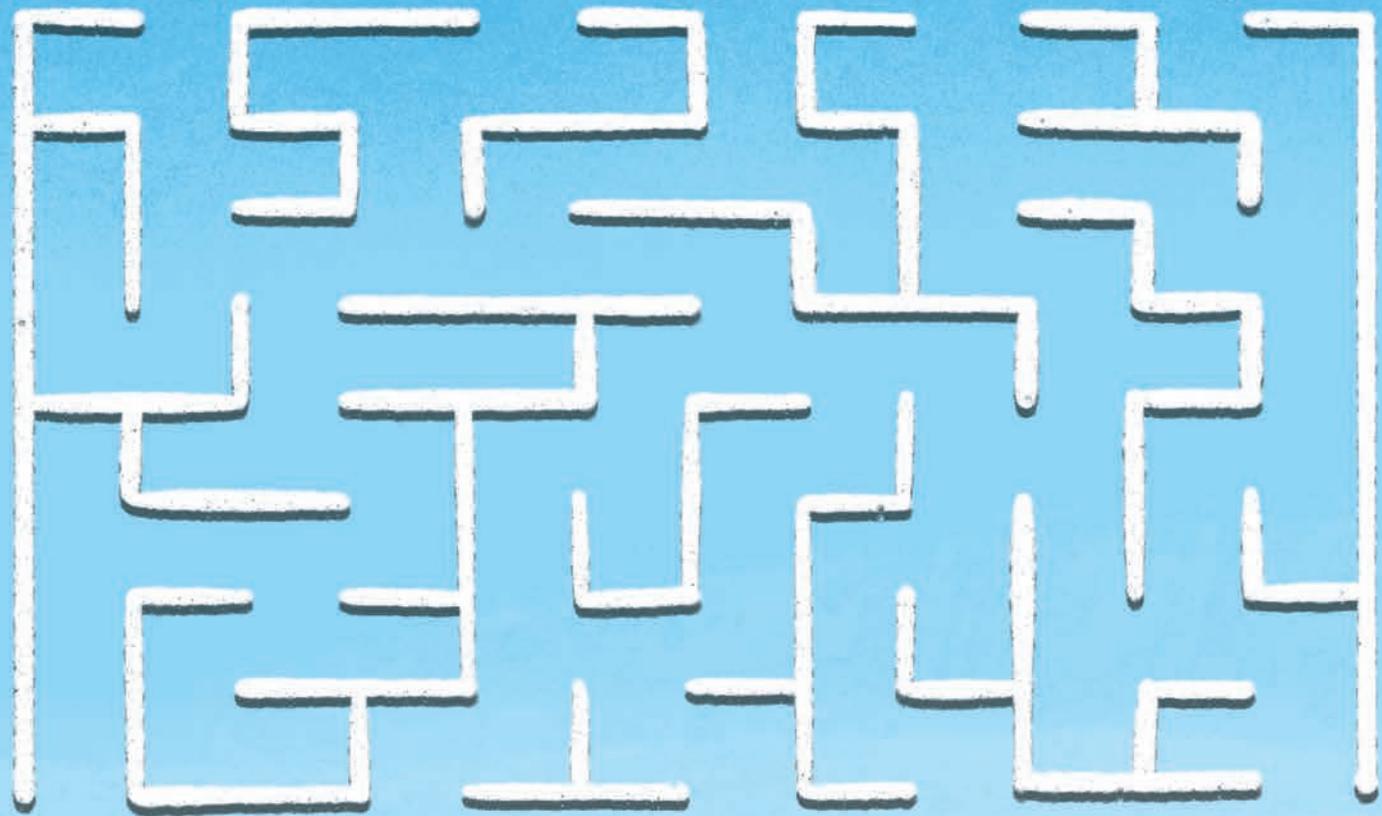
Glide to the side for smoother rides  
Give-Way Glenda

Volume down, smiles all around  
Hush-Hush Hannah

Bags by your side, more space to ride  
Bag-Down Benny

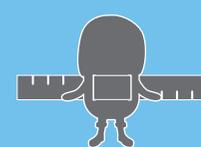
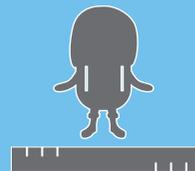
Shuffle in for more to get on  
Move-In Martin

Get on your feet for those in need  
Stand-Up Stacey

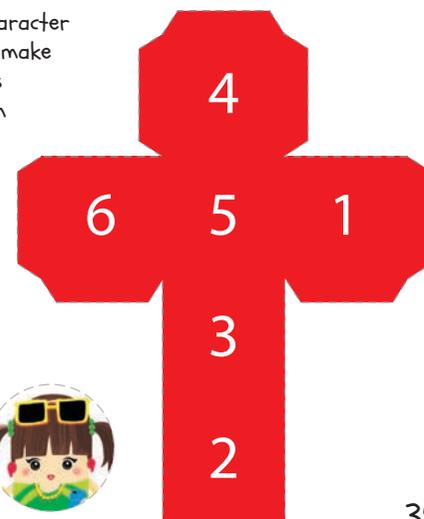


## THOUGHTFUL FINGER PUPPETS

1. Tear out the characters and strips along the dotted lines.
2. Slot the strips through the openings in each character.
3. Wrap the finger puppet around your finger and secure it using the cut out strips.



Cut out the Thoughtful Bunch character tokens along the dotted lines. To make the dice, cut it out, fold the flaps and glue them together. Use them for the Thoughtful Trail game on page 36 and 37.





**WHERE'S THE  
THOUGHTFUL  
BUNCH?**

You're in Sembawang MRT Station and you need a little help from the Thoughtful Bunch. Can you spot them? Use a pencil to circle each character out!



# THOUGHTFUL TRAIL



## HOW TO PLAY

1. Gather up to 5 players. They can be your family or your friends!
2. Tear out the dice and character tokens on page 35. Pick a character for yourself.
3. Take turns to roll the dice and take the number of steps forward as shown on your dice.
4. If you land on the Thoughtful Tile (yellow), move up the rail tracks to the connecting tile.
5. If you land on the Unthoughtful Tile (grey), take the stated number of steps back.
6. The player who gets to the Finish first wins!

Max and Robbie take a trip  
on the MRT train on their own - for the very first time!  
It turns out to be a wonderful, magical journey  
with thoughtfulness all around.

