

# Amazing Daisy and the Daisy Flower Garden



## Chapter 1

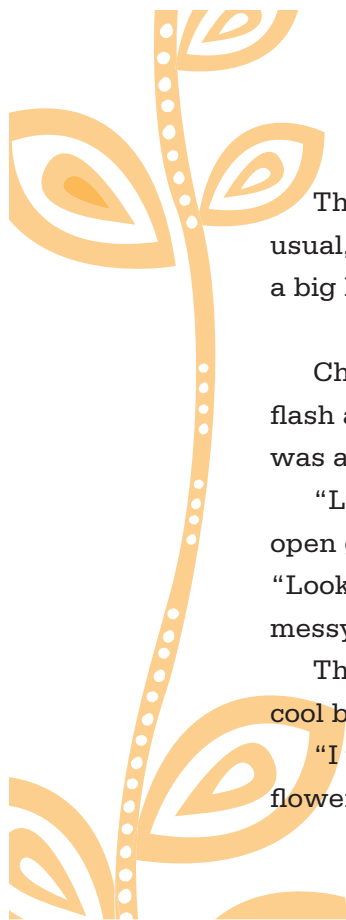
### One Little Daisy Shining in the Sun

**C**ora, Chandra, and Campbell were not having the best day. It all started when Anika brought her grandmother's ring for show-and-tell. It was silver and sparkly and had a bright-red ruby. Suddenly, the green-and-purple scarf Cora's grandmother knit for her didn't seem so cool.

Then, at recess, Campbell played second base in softball. As usual, she caught every ball, high or low, that came her way. Marco, the shortstop, didn't catch anything. He yelled at Campbell: "Stop hogging the ball!" Campbell wasn't happy.

Later, in reading class, Chandra raised her hand to read one of the funny rhymes in their reading book. The teacher never called on her.

The girls were quiet as they walked home together.



They passed the old community garden. As usual, it was full of weeds. On the garden gate was a big black sign that read:

“Garden hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ONLY.”

Chandra stopped. She saw something bright flash among the tall weeds inside the garden gate. It was a single white daisy.

“Look!” cried Chandra as she ran through the open gate. Cora and Campbell ran right behind her. “Look at this little daisy, happy as can be in this messy place.”

They all watched the daisy as it swayed in the cool breeze.

“I wish this garden had hundreds of happy flowers like this one,” Campbell said.



## WORDS FOR THE WISE!

**Plop, plop, plop! Plop means to drop.**

**You can plop yourself down, right on the ground.**

**When something goes plop,**

**it sounds like it dropped . . . into water.**

**Raindrops go plop. Plop, plop, plop.**

**A lot of raindrop plops make a puddle.**

**Jump in the puddle to make one big**

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“That would take a lot of work,” said Cora.  
“We couldn’t do it by ourselves.”

“Well, maybe some day,” Chandra said. “Let’s sit and rest a while.” She spread her jacket on the scrubby grass beside the daisy and **plopped** down. Then she pulled out a bag of delicious little samosas filled with potatoes and peas.

The girls sat beside the daisy and ate and talked. One by one, they stretched out in the sun with their backpacks under their heads. Soon they were sound asleep.

