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“I got my wish. It is a bright and sunny day. Not a cloud in the sky. It’s just right for our school cleanup.”



Max ties her laces tight. She wants to get them just right so she is all set to help.

Today, we will rake,
weed, and plant.
You will have time to
try each job.

Can I try
planting first?



Max sets her sights on the flowers.



“That’s my job!”
cries Tom.

“Why?” cries Max.



“I want that job first!” They both cry out.

“Stop fighting! Cool off! You will both get to try. But first things first, raking!”



Max and Tom sigh. Miss Hill is right.



It's so bright with all
this sunlight around.
Isn't it a delight?

Will it dry out the
flowers before we
can plant them?

“No, because we will water them.
Rake with all your might! Next up
is weeding.”



“Max, tie your laces again. Check to see that they are tight.”



“I will come by with a bin. Keep weeding with all your might!”



“We’ve raked, we’ve weeded, and now it’s time to plant!” Tom and Max cry out.



“Yes. That is right. It is time to plant the flowers.”



Max flies over to grab them.
“Stop!” Tom yells with all of his
might. Max freezes.

An illustration of two children standing in a garden. On the left is a boy with blonde hair, wearing a red turtleneck sweater and blue jeans, with his hands clasped in front of him. On the right is a girl with dark skin and short dark hair, wearing a green and yellow jacket and brown pants, also with her hands clasped. They are standing on a green lawn with several potted plants containing red flowers. In the background, there is a brick house with windows and green bushes. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the boy on the left and one from the girl on the right.

No fighting! We are
a team, right?

You're right.
I am sorry.

Max sighs.



Max and Tom plant in the bright
sunlight. “I spy a mighty team.
What a delight!”

New Words and Skills

Concept Focus

spelling rules: ie, igh, and y as /ī/

Concept Focus Words

bright, by, cries, cry, delight, dry, fighting, might, mighty, my, right, sigh, sighs, sights, sky, sunlight, tie, ties, tight, try, why

New High-Frequency Words

around, because, off, wish

Story Words



plant(ing)



school

In this book, the words *plant* and *school* are story words. They are used to support the reader's understanding of the action in the decodable book *A Mighty Team*, in which Tom and Max rake, weed, and plant during the school's cleanup day.

Think and Discuss

1. What do Max and Tom fight about at the beginning of the story?
2. Why is Miss Hill delighted when she sees the mighty team?
3. Why are Max, Tom, and their class planting in this story?





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