

The Mini-Brick City

Story by Carmel Reilly
Illustrations by Alan Brown



The Mini-Brick City

Level 19

Running Words 528 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Technologies (Design and Technologies); The Arts (Visual Arts)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What colour bricks did Jayden and Devin use to make the bicycle lanes?
- 2 Why did Jayden look a little worried when he saw Essie and Alex's football stadium?
- 3 Why did Mr West choose Jayden and Devin to be first to 'drive around' the city?

Inferential

- 4 Why do you think Devin wanted to make the football stadium?
- 5 Why did Devin pour the box of mini bricks onto a mat on their table?
- 6 Why do different parts of the city need different roads?
- 7 Why did the boys make the bus and bicycle lanes different colours from the roads?
- 8 What did Mr West mean by: "*The roads have turned our buildings into a real city.*"?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 How do bicycles make a city more eco-friendly?
- 10 Why is it important for a city to have footpaths?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 19	Narrative	<i>Missing Ummi</i>
Level 19	Imaginative Recount	<i>A Visit to a Car Show</i>
Level 20	Narrative	<i>Ravi's Rock Pool</i>
Level 20	Narrative	<i>Finn's New Game</i>
Level 20	Narrative	<i>Penny and the Falcons</i>



Guided Reading Planner

Access Teacher's Notes and Student Activities online for over 1000 PM Level 1–30 books!

Visit: get.ga/pmgrplanner

The Mini-Brick City

Story by Carmel Reilly
Illustrations by Alan Brown



Contents

Chapter 1	The Class Challenge	2
Chapter 2	Not Just Roads	8
Chapter 3	A Special City	12

Chapter 1

The Class Challenge

Every Monday morning, Mr West gave his class a special challenge.

“This week, you will use plastic mini bricks to make parts of a city,” he said.

“You can work in pairs. Each pair will make a building or a place in the city.”



Jayden and his friend Devin were delighted about this challenge.
They loved working together.
And they loved making things with mini bricks.



Mr West began to tell each pair what he wanted them to make. The city would have a town hall, an airport and a train station. There would be city buildings, stadiums, parks and playgrounds, too.

“I’d really like to make the football stadium,” Devin whispered to Jayden.



Soon, Mr West called out their names.
“You two will make the city’s roads,”
he told them.



“Roads are not very exciting,”
Devin grumbled to Jayden.

“Don’t worry,” said Jayden. “Let’s just start
building some and see what happens!”



Devin fetched a box of mini bricks.
He poured them onto a mat on their table.

Jayden began snapping together lots of grey bricks
into a long stretch of road.

Devin added a row of white bricks
to make a line down the middle.

