

The Glass Bead Bracelet

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Level 21

Running Words 649 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); The Arts (Dance, Visual Arts); Humanities (Geography, Civics and Citizenship)

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 did Mum give Bethanie to wear to the festival?
- 2 What did Bethanie see on the ground that looked like the bracelet?
- 3 How did Bethanie make the new bracelet?

Inferential

- 4 How did Bethanie feel as she joined her dance group in the parade?
- 5 Why was it hard for the girls to find the bracelet?
- 6 Why did the woman at the stall want to show Bethanie how to make a bracelet?
- 7 Why did Bethanie think her new bracelet was special?
- 8 Why did Mum try to smile when she saw the new bracelet?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why do towns and cities hold festivals like this African festival?
- 10 What other stalls and activities might there have been at the festival?

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Chapter 1

Something Special

“Ouch!” cried Bethanie.

“Mum! You’re pulling my hair too tight!”

“Oops ... sorry,” replied Mum.

“That’s the last braid, I promise.”

“Your hair looks amazing!”

said Bethanie’s older cousin, Koko.

“Now we can put our costumes on!”

Bethanie and Koko were getting ready
to dance in a parade
at the African Festival in the city.
They were both very excited.



Before they left home, Mum said to Bethanie,
“I have something special for you to wear at the festival.”

She was holding a beautiful bracelet with colourful beads
of blue and green.



“This was my grandmother’s bracelet,” said Mum.
“I brought it with me when I came here from Ghana
in Africa.”

“I’ll take good care of it,” promised Bethanie,
as she slipped the bracelet on.



Chapter 2

Dancing in the Parade

An hour later, Bethanie, Koko and Mum arrived at the city square where the festival was being held.

People in colourful costumes were gathering in the square.



Koko spotted some girls from their dance group near the African drums.

“Good luck,” said Mum to the girls.

“I’ll meet you back here at three o’clock.”

