

The Adventure of Gracie and Ami

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### Author's Purpose

This children's story is written as an exciting piece of realistic fiction. The author's purpose is to share an adventure of two young girls to entertain elementary students in order to teach conflict resolution skills.

## Dedication

To my best friend since birth, Grace, whom the character Gracie is based on.  
Grace, you have always been there for me and joined me in so many wonderful adventures.

Here's to many more laughs, cries, and memories.



## The Adventures of Gracie and Ami

The story begins in Gracie’s backyard, Ami just came through the gate and was so excited to see Gracie.

“Hey Gracie, how was school today?” Ami asked.

“Ugh, it was so boring. But today is Friday and we get to have a sleepover,” Gracie says.

Ami and Gracie have been planning this sleepover forever, they planned to play dress-up, sing karaoke, watch a Barbie movie, and make some yummy cookies.

“This is going to be such a fun night, go pack your bag and meet me at my house,” Ami says.

“Alrighty, I’m going to bring over a **surprise**, I can’t wait to show you,” Gracie says.

“Gracie it better be good, last time you said there was a surprise I got grounded for a week,” Ami says.

“Oh, don’t you worry Ami, I didn’t borrow my mom’s favorite dress without permission this time, it’s something way cooler,” says Gracie.

Gracie goes into her room and packs her bag for her sleepover at Ami’s. In the bag, she packs the tools for a science **experiment** that her brother Bryce had shown her.

After she packs her bag, Gracie skips over to Ami’s house with her sleepover bag in one hand and her favorite Barbie in the other. Gracie walks into Ami’s house and runs straight to Ami’s room.

“It’s sleepover time, let’s get this party started,” Gracie says.

Gracie and Ami play dress-up in Ami’s Disney dresses, sing karaoke to their favorite songs from Hannah Montana and watch their favorite Barbie movie.

“This has been so much fun, but I think I’m ready to make some cookies! Mom where are all the **supplies** to make cookies?” Ami asks.

“Well Ami, I just finished up work so I will go to the store now and get everything you girls need. While I’m gone your brothers are in charge,” Ami’s mom says.

Ami’s mom leaves her house to go to the store and then Gracie **reveals** her scientific surprise. Gracie pulls out a **liter** of Coca-Cola and a pack of Mentos.

“Ta-dah, here is the big surprise we are going to do a science experiment,” Gracie says.

“I don’t know Gracie, don’t you think we should wait till my mom gets home, I don’t want to get **punished** again,” says Ami.

“No, no, no, don’t worry this experiment is super easy. Bryce told me how to do it and said it makes a little volcano. We can do it in the sink so that we don’t make a big mess. I promise it will be so much fun,” Gracie says.

“Okay Gracie, I’m trusting you, let’s hope this goes well,” Ami says.

Gracie and Ami start placing the Mentos into the Coke bottle, and Coke **fizzles** up and shoots everywhere in the kitchen.

The Coke flies all over the walls, cabinets, and floors.

Ami and Gracie look at each other and scream.

“What did you do Gracie, you said it wasn’t going to make a mess, look at this, we are in so much trouble!” Ami screams.

“I’m so sorry Ami, Bryce didn’t tell me it would make this big of a mess,” Gracie says.

“We need to fix this, my mom is going to be home soon and if she sees this, we will get in so much trouble,” Ami says.

“Well let’s start cleaning, find all the paper towels you can, and I’ll find some cleaning stuff to make the floor less sticky,” Gracie says.

Gracie and Ami **frantically** run around to find the supplies they need to clean up this horrible mess. Once they find their supplies, they clean as fast as possible, scrubbing the floors and cabinets until they look brand new.

“Um Gracie we have another problem, how are we supposed to get the Coke off the roof, we both can’t reach it,” Ami says.

“Oh shoot, I didn’t think of that, why don’t we throw towels at the ceiling until it’s all clean,” Gracie says.

“Yeah, that definitely won’t work, wait I know, let’s go get Bryce, he can help us,” Ami says.

Gracie and Ami run into Gracie’s house to find Bryce and beg him to help them.

Bryce follows Gracie and Ami to Ami’s house and gasps when he sees the ceiling.

“What did you dummies do?” asks Bryce.

“We did the science experiment you told Gracie about, and it **exploded** everywhere in the kitchen,” Ami says.

“Gracie, I told you not to do the experiment inside, I said to make sure you do it outside,” Bryce says.

“Oh, you are right, I completely forgot about that,” Gracie says.

“Are you kidding me Gracie, this is all your fault,” screams Ami.

“I’m sorry Ami I really didn’t mean to I promise we will get this all cleaned up before your mom gets home,” Gracie says.

“Okay let’s get to work girls, Ami’s mom will be home any minute,” Bryce says.

Bryce gets a ladder and some paper towels and cleans all the coke off the ceiling.

The kitchen is back to normal, and the girls are so excited.

“Okay it’s clean now, let’s hope my mom doesn’t notice,” Ami says.

Ami’s mom walks into the house with all the **ingredients** for the girls to make cookies.

“Hi girls have you been good? Ami’s mom asks.

“Yes, Mom we played with our Barbies, and we have been patiently waiting for our cookies,” Ami says.

“Well girls, why don’t ya’ll go wash your hands so that we can get started,” Mom says.

Ami and Gracie are so excited and so **relieved** that they didn’t get in trouble with Ami’s mom. The girls learned a **valuable** lesson about making sure to check with their parents before they do a science experiment.



## Vocabulary

**Surprise:** an unexpected and exciting event or thing.

**Experiment:** a scientific procedure that helps make a discovery or test out a theory.

**Liter:** a unit of measurement.

**Punish:** something that happens when a rule is broken.

**Fizzles:** bubbles that make a hissing sound.

**Frantically:** a worried state of emotion.

**Exploded:** a violent burst and combustion of an object.

**Ingredients:** any foods or substances combined and used to make a dish.

**Relieved:** a sense of calmness when you become no longer stressed.

**Reveals:** to show.


**Valuable:** something is of great worth and admiration.


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