Jelly

The Very Long Line

LITTLE READERS



Mia walks in the park with Dad.

Max trots beside them.

The sun is warm and bright.



Mia sees an ice cream stand.
It is near the flowers.
"Look, Dad!" she says.



Mia points to the stand.
"May we have ice cream?"
she asks.




Dad smiles at Mia.
"That sounds nice," he says.
They walk toward the stand.

Mia and Dad reach the stand.

Many people are waiting.

They stand one behind another.



The line is very long.

Mia looks at all the people.

"Oh!" she says.



Mia looks surprised.
"Will we have to wait?"
she asks Dad.



"Yes," says Dad.
"We can wait for our turn."
Mia stands beside him.



Mia stands behind a family.

She gives them some space.

Dad stands close to her.



Dad waits beside Mia.

"The line will move," he says.

"We can be patient."



Max sits quietly on the grass.
His leash is held by Dad.
Mia gives Max a smile.



The line moves a little.

Mia takes a small step.

"We are closer!" she says.



Mia looks at the stand.

She can see the ice cream.

But many people are ahead.



Mia gives a little sigh.

"It is a long wait," she says.

Dad looks at her.



Dad listens to Mia.
"Waiting can feel hard,"
he says.



"Let us play a game," says Dad.
"Can you find something red?"
Mia looks around.



Mia looks for red things.
She looks high and low.
Max watches her.



"A red balloon!" says Mia.
It floats above a child.
"I found one!"



Dad sees a red flower.

"Look over there," he says.

Mia turns to see it.



Mia smiles at Dad.

"I like this game," she says.

The line moves again.



"Let us count trees," says Mia.

She points to the first tree.

"One," she says.



Dad counts with Mia.

"Two, three, four!"

There are trees by the path.



Max watches the trees.

A bird sits on a branch.

His tail wags slowly.



The line moves forward.

Mia takes another step.

The stand is getting closer.



Mia sees a child behind her.

The child is waiting, too.

Mia gives a little wave.



"Hello," says Mia.
"We are counting trees."
The child looks at her.



The child smiles at Mia.

"I see another one!"

they say.



The children count quietly.
They look at trees and flowers.
Waiting feels easier now.



The line moves once more.
Mia can see the stand clearly.
"We are nearly there!"



"Thank you for playing, Dad," says Mia. "Waiting was easier with you."



Max wags his little tail.
He stayed close to Dad.
Mia gives him a pat.




Dad smiles at Mia.
"You waited patiently,"
he says.

At last it is their turn.

Mia stands by the stand.

The vendor smiles at her.



"May I have ice cream, please?"

Mia asks the vendor.

Dad waits beside her.



The vendor gives Mia ice cream.

It is in a little cup.

Mia holds it carefully.



"Thank you!" says Mia.

The vendor smiles at her.

Dad has a cup, too.



Mia and Dad sit on a bench.
They can see the flowers.
Max rests by their feet.



Mia enjoys her ice cream.

"It tastes so good!" she says.

Dad takes a bite, too.



Max has water in his bowl.
He takes a nice cool drink.
Mia smiles at him.



The family sits together.
They waited for their turn.
Now they enjoy the sunny day!



Where do Mia and Dad go?

What does Mia see?

Tell a friend.



Why does Mia wait
in a long line?
Who waits with her?



How does Mia feel

about waiting?

What does Dad say?



What red things do
Mia and Dad find?
Look at the pictures.



What do Mia and Dad count?
How does the game help
while they wait?



Who does Mia meet
in the line?
What do they do?



What does Mia say
when it is her turn?
What does Max drink?



What can you do
while you wait for a turn?
Share your idea.



The End

