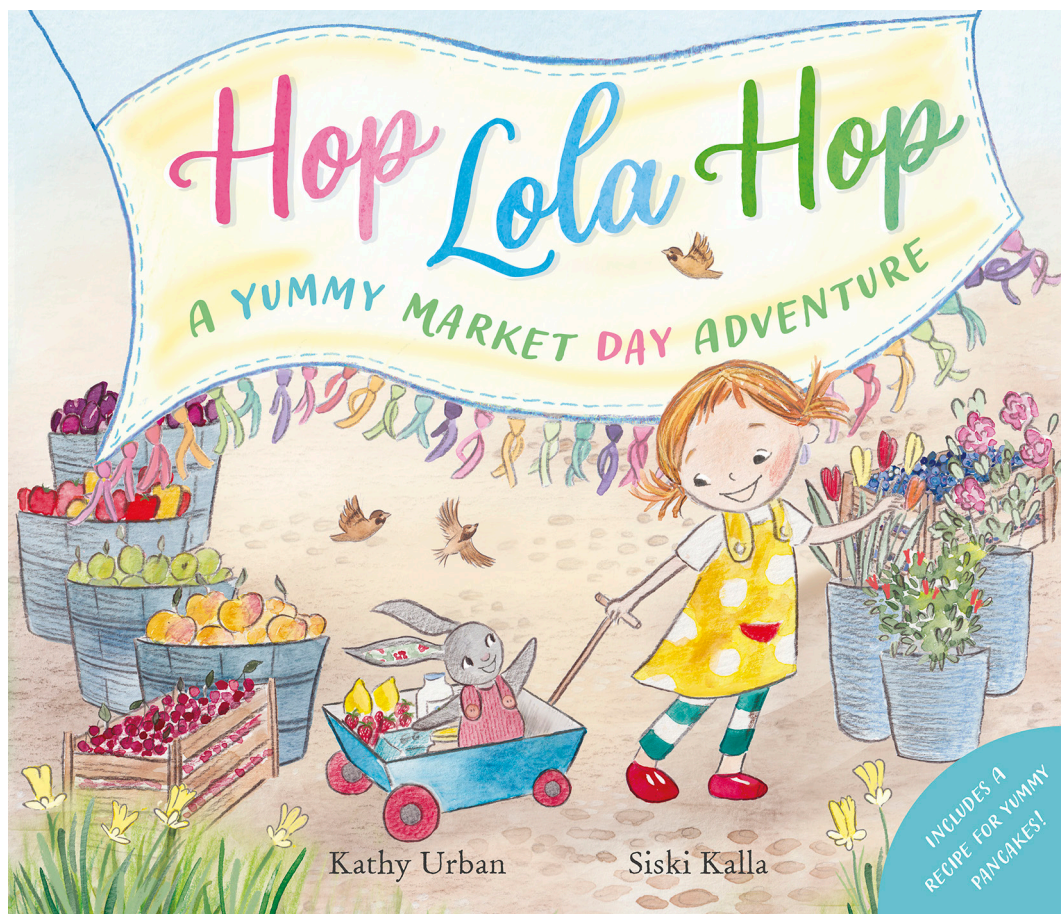


HOP LOLA HOP:

A YUMMY MARKET DAY ADVENTURE

TEACHING NOTES



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SYNOPSIS

Lola, the little toy bunny, joins her best friend, Ella, on a day out to explore the local market. All is well until - once again - Lola Hop! Hop! Hops ... just a little too far. All because she wants to help Ella find a special ingredient for their picnic.

Does Lola discover what she is looking for? And will the friends be reunited in the end? Hop away with Lola and Ella in another magical adventure, full of heart, hope and yummy food!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kathy Urban is a multilingual journalist and the author of Hop Lola Hop - a series of children's books about a beloved comfort toy that goes missing. With her nose stuck in books for as long as she can remember, Kathy grew up admiring the works of great storytellers and the imaginary worlds they created. But it was listening to the stories her dad would tell her that prompted Kathy to make up stories for her own children. A world nomad, Kathy has lived in the UK, US, Denmark, Germany, and these days calls Dubai her home. Like Lola, Kathy loves to spend time outdoors. If she's not busy looking after her three young children or working on freelance assignments, you'll most likely catch Kathy running, painting, or scribbling down ideas for more children's books.

You can follow Kathy and Lola's adventures on Instagram @hop_lola_hop, Website: hoplolahop.com and Facebook @hoplolahopofficial

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Born in London, Siski has lived in various countries and currently resides in Chile with her family of humans and dogs. Painting watercolours gives her the same joy as swimming, eating scones with jam or swinging in a hammock. She is largely self-taught, having taken a handful of watercolour and illustration courses over the years. More than anything, Siski loves children's books. She would eat them if she could. But they don't taste as good as scones.

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Hop Lola Hop: A Yummy Market Day Adventure is the second book in a delightful series about a much-loved toy bunny who likes to go on fun adventures. Sometimes the bunny gets lost. Most children have a comforting toy so this story has universal appeal. Key themes of imagination, friendship and comfort run throughout the series and the stories highlight the emotions brought about losing something special. This story takes the reader on an adventure in a farmers' market, delighting in all the local produce. Lola and her owner, Ella, lose each other whilst trying to find a special ingredient for their pancake picnic. Will they find the special ingredient and, most importantly, each other? There are secret bunnies to spot and find throughout the book and a delicious pancake recipe, too.



DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Ask the children if they have a special toy/cuddly animal/doll that they adore. How does it make them feel?
3. When the little girl, Ella, loses her toy bunny, Lola, how do you think she feels? How would you feel if you lost your special toy?
4. What does Ella do to try and find her toy bunny? Why do you think she is so determined and persistent to find Lola?
5. Do you think your special toy goes on adventures?
6. How does Ella feel when she finds Lola?
7. Have you ever been to a farmers' market? Did you buy anything? Where do you think the food comes from and how do you think it's grown? Did you know that certain foods grown at certain times of the year?
8. Have a go at making the pancakes using the recipe at the back of the book.
9. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?

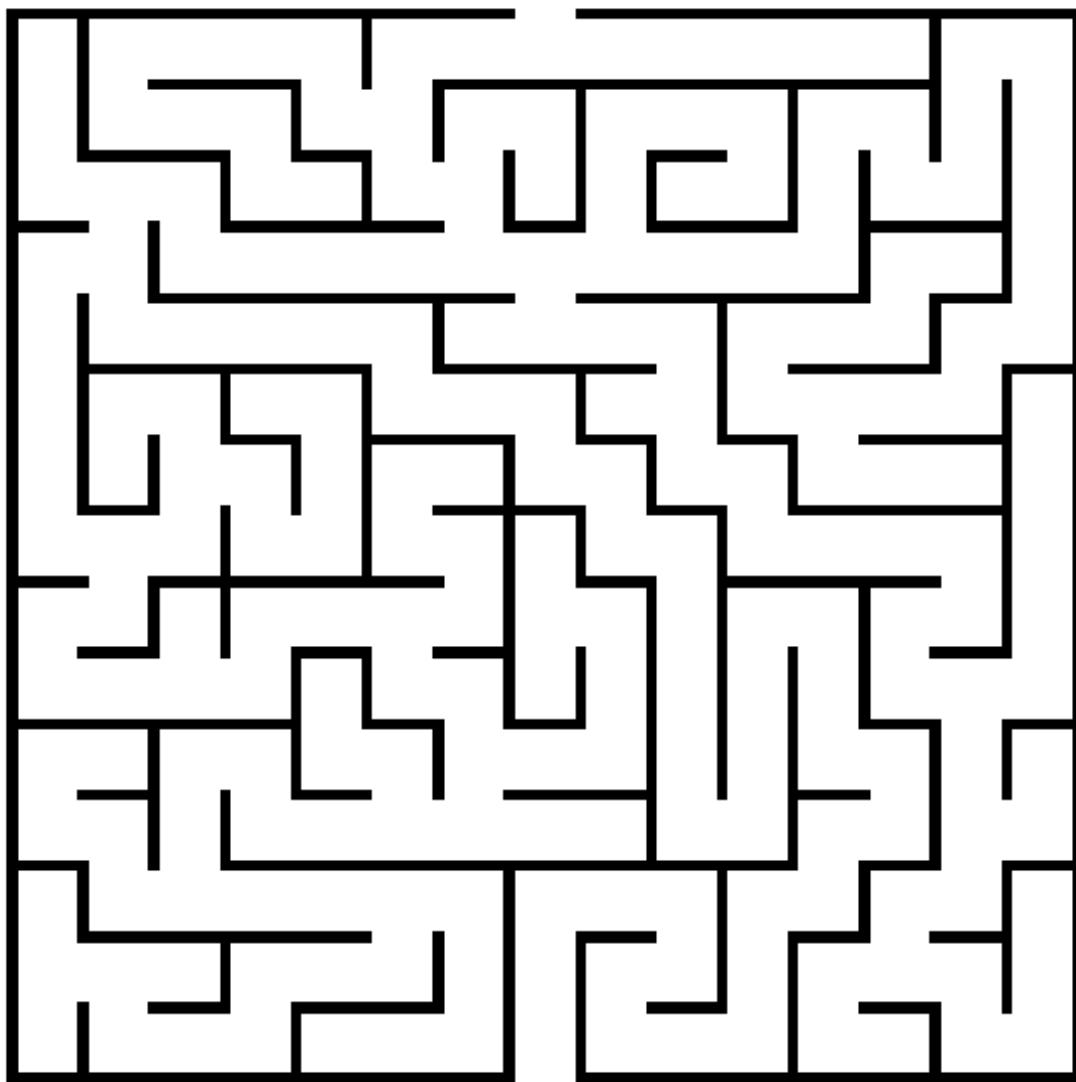


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A-MAZE-ING LOLA

Help Ella find Lola!



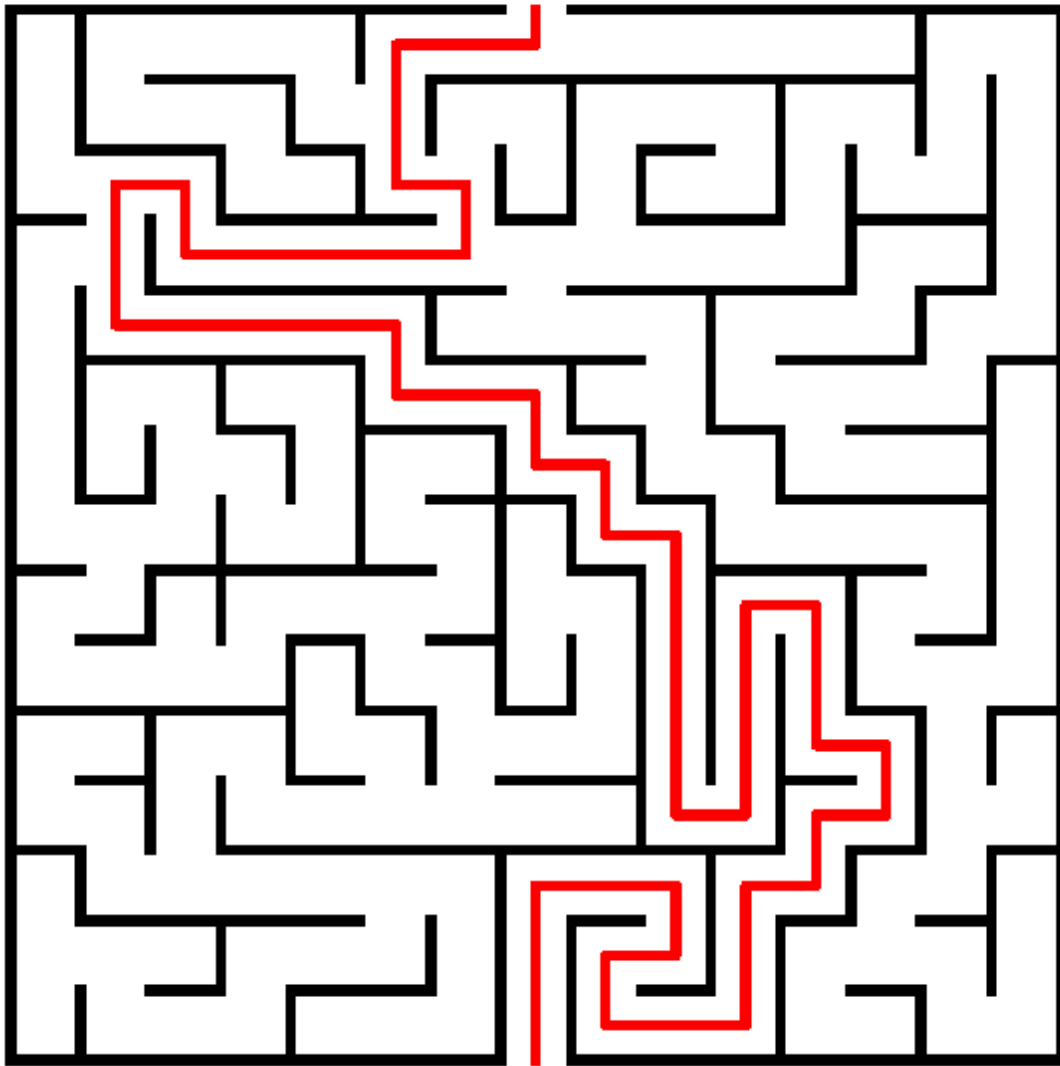
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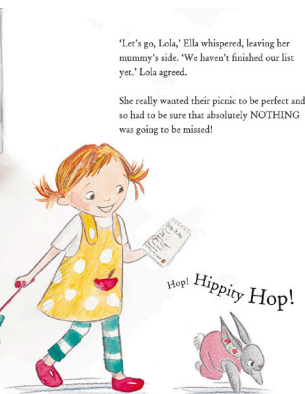
MEMORY GAME



How well do you remember what happened in the story? Below are six pictures from the story but they are jumbled up. Carefully cut them out (ask an adult to help you!) and arrange them in the correct order. Try to retell the story in your own words. Maybe you can tell it to your favourite cuddly toy!



All was going brilliantly ... until Ella decided that things had started to take a little **TOO LONG** ...



'Let's go, Lola,' Ella whispered, leaving her mummy's side. 'We haven't finished our list yet.' Lola agreed.

She really wanted their picnic to be perfect and so had to be sure that absolutely **NOTHING** was going to be missed!

Hop! Hippy Hop!



All that HOP! HOP! HOPPING! and those yummy red fruits had turned Lola into one sleepy toy bunny ...

who suddenly remembered something or rather someone **VERY** important ...

when a sweet familiar voice whispered into her long, flowery bunny ears, 'Wakey, wakey, Lola.'



A moment later and Ella had scooped Lola off the ground and back into her arms. The little girl gently **hugged** and **squeezed** her favourite bunny tight. 'I love you, Lola,' she said.

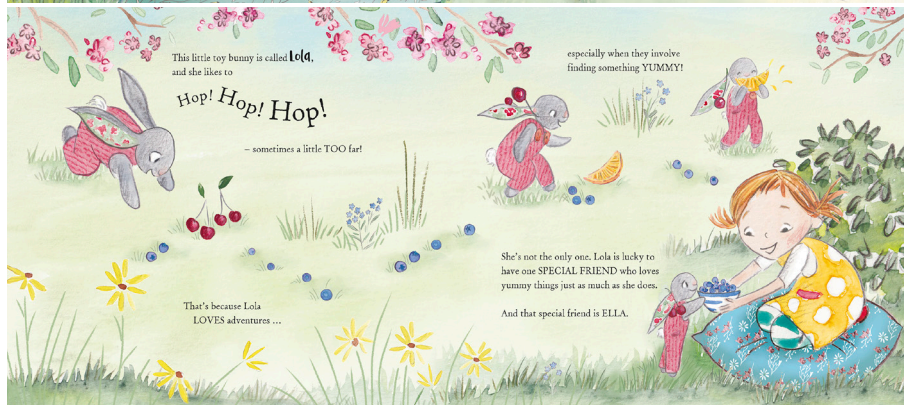
And just like that, everything was okay again ...



the friends settled down for their long-awaited garden picnic. 'Oh, I love picnics, don't you?' Ella smiled.

Here on their little blanket, Lola and Ella were the happiest they'd been all day. Ella was happy because she had her bunny back. Lola was happy too.

She was home with Ella **AND** she had found that **SPECIAL** yummy treat to round off their picnic adventure.



This little toy bunny is called **Lola**, and she likes to

Hop! Hop! Hop!

— sometimes a little **TOO** far!

especially when they involve finding something **YUMMY!**

She's not the only one. Lola is lucky to have one **SPECIAL FRIEND** who loves yummy things just as much as she does.

And that special friend is **ELLA**.

That's because Lola **LOVES** adventures ...

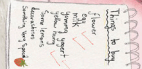


well, almost, because there was still something left for them to do! Picking yummy fruits in the places they grow was going to be their new **FAVOURITE** game to play!

Later that afternoon, with Lola and Ella's market adventure finally over ...



Market day was just as the friends liked it to be. It was full of different yummy snacks with so much to see and shop for to take so well.



Lola and Ella eagerly began browsing for items on their list and added them to their little shopping cart.

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Find all the words below in the wordsearch.

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ADVENTURE
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DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of Ella and Lola having their yummy picnic.



A large empty rectangular box for drawing.