

Let me tell you a story ...

“ Once upon a time, not so very long ago, there was a teacher called Tina. She introduced Reading Circles to her students, and explained the role sheets to them carefully. Very soon, her students became familiar with the roles, and began to enjoy their classroom discussions about stories. They were often so interested that they forgot they were talking and discussing in English.

One day, they had a Reading Circle about a story they had read. They could not finish their discussion in class time, so after school they went to a nearby café to finish it. Tina went with them, to listen and enjoy. But the discussion went on and on. Everybody had so much to say that they forgot the time, and the students all missed their train home. So they all went back to Tina’s apartment and slept on her floor for the night.

Those students finished college and went out into the world of work and jobs. They have crazy work schedules and live hours away from each other. But Reading Circles are now in their blood, and every month they still meet up to talk and discuss and enjoy together the stories they have read.

That’s a true story. And that’s the magic of Reading Circles.”

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