

Pre/Post Activities

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Mazie's Amazing Machines

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Grades: PK–3

Pre-Reading Activity

Share with your students that they are going to listen to a story about a kid engineer named Mazie. Ask your students what they know about engineers and engineering. Write down their responses on a whiteboard or chart paper. Say to your students that engineers solve problems and today they will learn about how Mazie solves everyday problems with engineering.

Post-Reading Activity

In this story, Mazie shows us that there are 3 main steps to engineering: 1) identifying a problem, 2) designing a solution, and 3) creating your invention. In partners or as a whole class, have your students think of a problem in their daily lives. Then on a piece of paper have them sketch out their ideas for a solution. If time and resources allow, have your students build their inventions.