

## Find Your Reading Buddies Level

Use these sample texts to help you sign up for the Reading Buddies level that is right for you.

**Pre-Level 1:** Readers recognize letter sounds and can sound out easy words with help. Easy words, simple sentences, lots of pictures.



Sam is a dog.



Sam is a good dog.

**Level 1:** Readers recognize letter sounds and can sound out short words. They may read slowly and sound out most words. Easy words, simple sentences and lots of pictures.

**Older students can request Level 1 books with content that is for grades 3-5 or grades 6-12.**



This is Sam. Sam is a dog.  
He is a good dog.



Sam loves to play  
in the mud.

**Level 2:** Readers can sound out most words with little help. More text and more complex sentences, some pictures.

This is Sam. He's a good dog.  
He really is.

But what Sam loves best is to play in the mud. He just can't resist a really muddy puddle. He always finds the muddiest puddle.



**Level 3:** Readers are fluent readers and sound out complex words with little help. More dense text, complex sentences and few pictures.

I love my dog, Sam. He's a great dog. He really is. But Sam just can't resist a really muddy puddle. As in, every single time he goes outside, he will find some puddle somewhere.

And of course, cleaning up a totally mud caked Sam is my job.



**Level 4:** Readers are fluent readers and can sound out complex words. Dense text, complex sentences and few or no pictures. **Level 4 book content may not be suitable for grades K-5.**

I love my dog, Sam. He's a great dog. He really is. But Sam just can't resist a really muddy puddle. As in, every single time he goes outside, he will find some puddle somewhere. And of course, cleaning up a totally mud caked Sam is my job. I've tried everything to keep him away from the mud when we go outside, but that dog is incorrigible and he will find a way. I could live with muddy footprints in the house. Mom, however, insists that postponing cleanup is not an option.