

Sam and Friends



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Deb is a friend of Sam's. Deb met Sam at his job. Sam had a job where Tom's job was at.

Friends love to buy hot dogs from Sam at Tom's job.





Deb's friends want to buy six hot dogs from Sam. It's what the friends want. Yes, six dogs is a lot, but Deb has a lot of friends. Deb texts Sam. Deb buys the hot dogs.

Sam wraps up the six hot dogs to give to Deb. Sam packs the hot dogs in a box in Tom's van where Pug sits. Pug is Sam's dog.

Deb gets to Sam, yet Deb did not get what the friends want. Sam did not give six hot dogs to Deb. Deb got six hot dog buns.

Deb has a big bag. Deb zips up the box in the bag. Deb heads back to Sam to get the hot dogs to give to the friends.

Deb's friends get the hot dogs from the box in the bag.

The friends love Sam's hot dogs, but not his hot dog buns.

The friends quiz Deb. "Did Sam sell Deb hot dogs? Did Sam sell Deb hot dog buns?"

Deb gets the buns back in the box. Deb zips up the bag. Deb wants what the friends want from Sam—hot dogs!



Interpret Why didn't Sam put six hot dogs in the box?



Predict What do you predict Deb will do?





It is six. Sam gets to quit his job at six. Sam packs up. Sam has to get his hot dogs in his van.

Pug sits in Tom's van. Pug has the six dogs.

Bad dog, Pug!

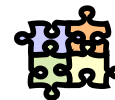
Deb runs back to Sam's job. Deb did not want to buy six buns. Deb wants hot dogs, not buns.

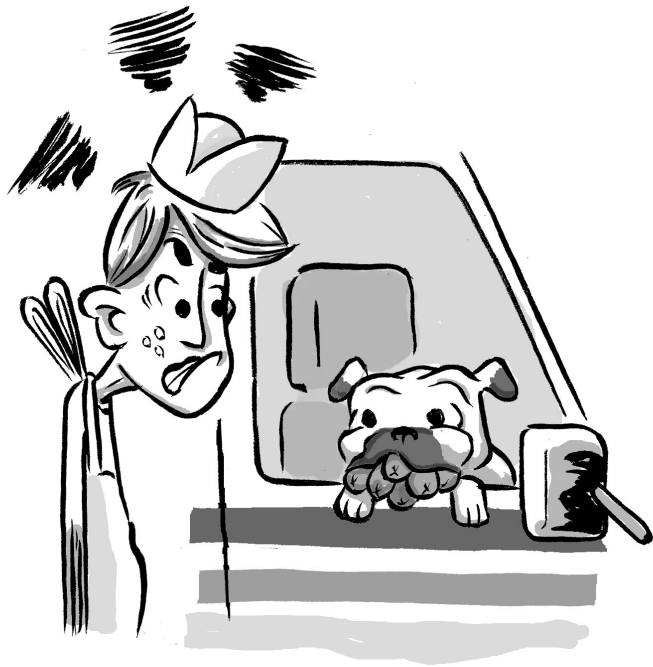
Sam was sad, but Deb was mad. Sam gives six hot dogs to Deb. Deb heads back to the friends.

Re-think Why is Pug sitting in the van?



Connect When did Pug get the hot dogs?





Sounds and Spellings

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Word Fluency

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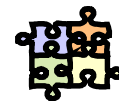
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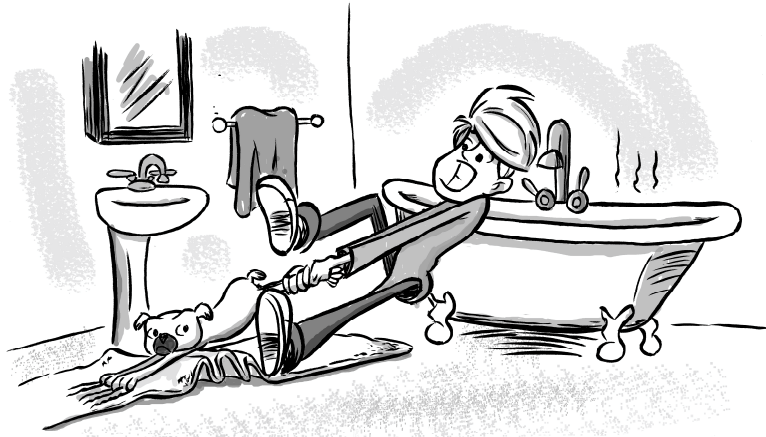
Sam has to get a lift to work with Tom. But Tom says that if Sam wants Pug to come in the van with them, then that dog has to get a bath.

Sam does want Pug in Tom's van, but Pug just is not in love with baths. Water is not Pug's friend.



Connect Why is Sam going to give Pug a bath?





Pug does not want to get wet. That dog does not want to get in the tub full of hot water. Pug was just a thin wisp of a dog, but Sam could not move him if that dog did not want to move.

That dog did not want to move, and you can't move a dog if the dog will not help.



Sam texts Tom that Pug will not get in the tub and asks his friend to come help get Pug in the water. If Sam and Tom lift Pug, they can get him in the tub and give that dog a bath.

Tom will come, but says, "Sam, you should get rid of that bad dog."

Re-think Does Tom really want Sam to get rid of Pug?



Tom is mad at Sam and mad at his bad dog, Pug. But Tom gets in his van and heads to Sam's.

Sam and Tom sit next to the tub. The tub is full of water. But Pug is not next to the tub.

Tom felt the water. "Pug, you get in this tub! The water is not that hot."

Pug will not move.

Then the friends jump up to get Pug, but Pug is fast. Pug runs and runs.

At last Sam and Tom get Pug. They pick up the dog and head back to the tub.

"That was a lot of work," says Tom. "But Pug will get his bath."

But the water is not what Pug wants. Sam and Tom think they can give him a bath, but Pug does not want to get in the water.

As they lift Pug in the bath—

Pug jumps! That dog is quick.

Pug just will not let them give him a bath.

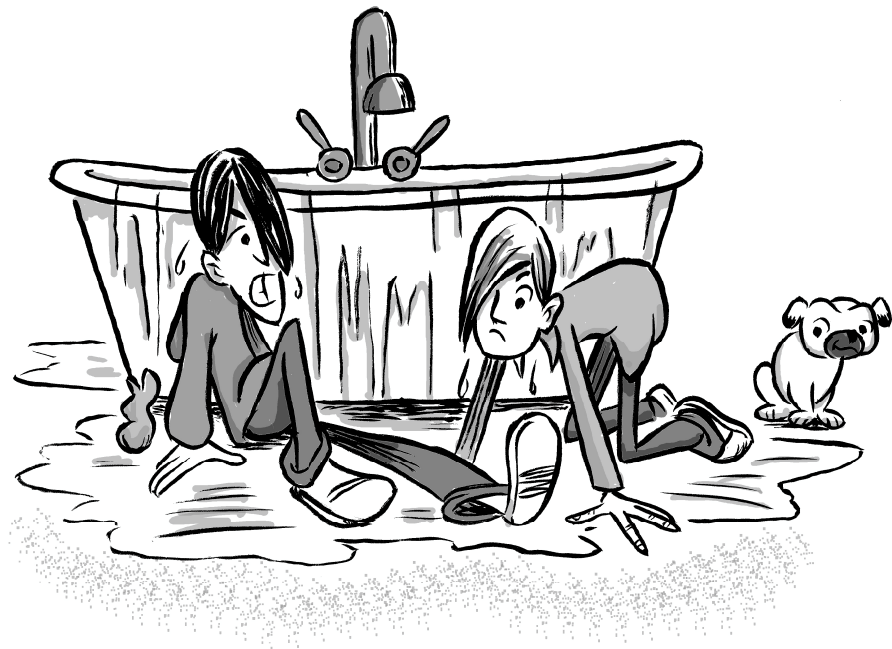
Sam and Tom got a bath, but not Pug.

Predict Will Pug get his bath? What will happen to end the story?



Interpret Why do Sam and Tom get wet?





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Sounds and Spellings

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Word Fluency

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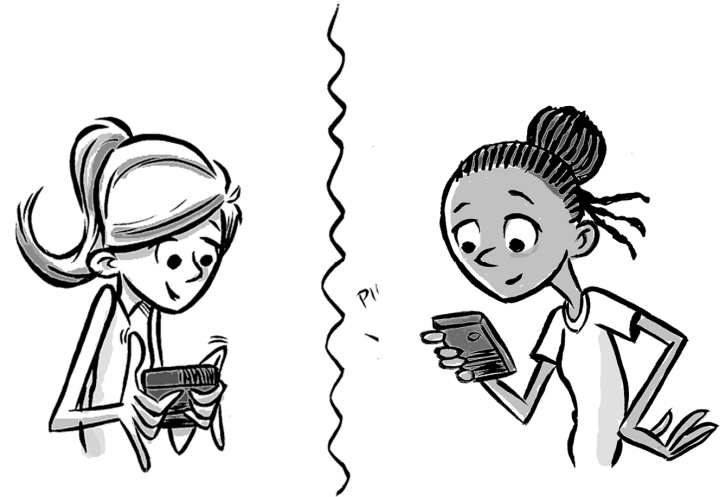
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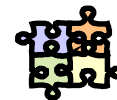
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It's Sunday and Kit and Deb are getting ready to hold their Coffee Club meeting at Extreme Coffee. Kit and Deb did a nice job to promote the meeting and it pays off. Lots of friends show up for the Coffee Club—at least twenty, but maybe more. Most of the ladies are fifteen or sixteen years old. Some know one another, but most don't.

Connect



How did Deb and Kit get so many to show up?

Kit greets each of the ladies when they come into Extreme Coffee. Deb helps them with the menu. Most buy a coffee, though some buy tea. Some even get a snack. The bagels, cakes, and scones sell well.

The boss is happy with the sales and the ladies are happy to buy his coffee, tea, and snacks.



The Coffee Club meets at the back of the coffee shop. The ladies talk and get to know each other. Deb shares some shopping secrets. Kit follows with some tips on fitness. Other ladies share who they are and what they like to do. Some say they are lonely and won't get to see their friends until the fall, so they are really happy to be there at the Coffee Club.



Re-think What makes the Coffee Club such a success?





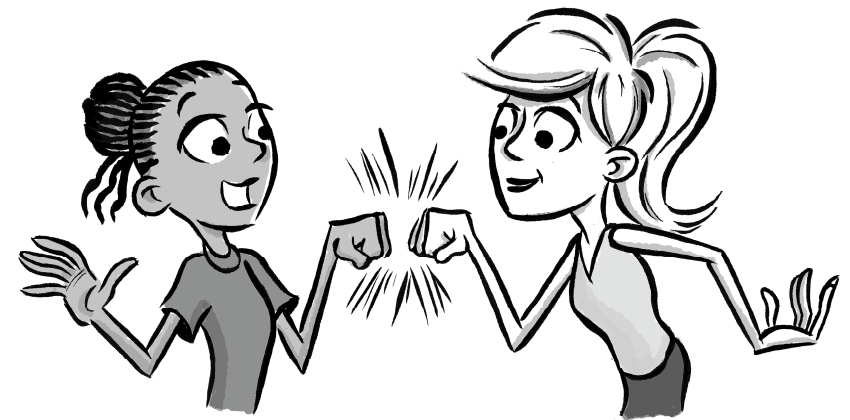
Many of the ladies say they have nothing against men, but it's so nice to just meet with ladies. As they are talking, some fellows passing by on the sidewalk press their noses against the window to see what the ladies are doing. The ladies elbow each other and the men get plenty of smiles.

Predict Will the ladies meet again?



Kit and Deb smile at each other and give each other fist bumps. Their plan was a success. The Coffee Club is a hit with the ladies.

The ladies decide that the Coffee Club should keep meeting each Sunday. The ladies plan the topics to discuss at the next meeting. They do propose to meet at seven o'clock to have more time to chat. Kit and Deb go ask the boss.



Interpret Why do the ladies plan topics for the next meeting?



The boss says, "I suppose so. The Coffee Club can meet any time it wants!" He tells Kit and Deb that their coffee and tea will be free from then on.

Deb kids Kit that Sam will still have to buy his own coffee.

"I don't know if Sam even likes coffee," says Kit.

"Maybe we'll have to ask him," replies Deb.

Those Coffee Club ladies sure bought a lot of coffee, tea, and snacks! The boss of Extreme Coffee is quite happy with the results. The ladies even clean up when they leave. And they are thorough. Extreme Coffee is neat and tidy by the time they finish.

Sounds and Spellings

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Word Fluency

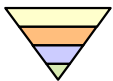
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nothing	father	work	people	their
woeful	what	against	does	won't
boating	towing	nothing	against	busy

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Winter is fast approaching. Tom, Deb, Kit, and Sam are ready for the change in weather, but not Pug.

For Tom, marching band is over because the football season has finished. Tom will still play drums in the pep band for basketball season. He is excited to see Kit play on the Varsity team.

Deb can't wait to wear her new winter clothes from the Clothes Shed. Her boss promoted her to manager, which means that she works a lot more.

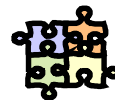
Sam is happy to be passing all his classes. The Tuesday Study Group helps keep Sam studying. He and Kit are still going out and having lots of fun.

Pug can't go outside much now that it is getting so much colder. The lake near Sam's house has begun to freeze and there are fewer birds to chase.

Kit is so excited that her basketball season has finally begun. The pre-season games are over and the first real game starts this Friday at Oakhills High School. Her father and friends will all be there.



Connect How does the change in season affect the characters?



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Sam awoke, shivering in his bed. It was so cold. Sam sat up in his bed and glanced at the alarm clock. It was eight o'clock.

"Mom! I overslept! I'll be late for school." Sam rubs his eyes to try to wake up. "Where is Tom? Didn't he show up to pick me up for school?"

Sam's mother yelled back, "Don't worry, Sam. It's a snow day, because the busses aren't able to drive in the snow. I turned off your alarm to let you sleep in."

Sam's mother appears at Sam's door and laughs. "You gave me quite a scare, Mom, for but I'm glad I got some more sleep."

"The weather person said, "It got down to zero degrees this morning," says Sam's mom.

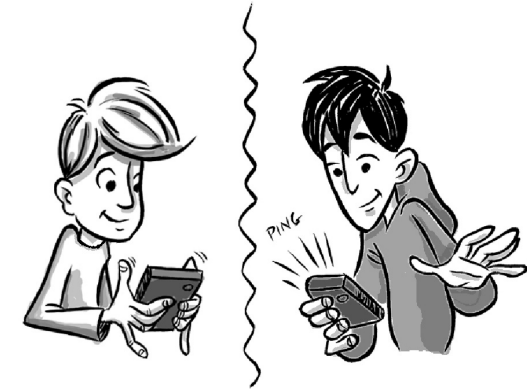
Sam pulls back the curtains to take a look out the window. It was snowing huge flakes. The trees already had at least three inches of snow on their branches.

Pug jumps up on the window sill and places his nose against the cold glass. His eyes dart up and down, watching the falling flakes of snow. Pug wants to get outside and chase the snowflakes, but he doesn't want to leave the warmth inside.

Predict What will Sam do on this unexpected "snow day?"



Ring! Ring! Sam checks his phone and it's Tom. Sam laughs and texts, "I knew it would be you. Yes, to answer your question before you ask it: the lake will be completely frozen by now. It got down to zero degrees."



Tom suggests that they build an ice skating rink on the lake by Sam's home. Tom says he will pick up Deb and Kit to come help. He'll put the snow chains on his tires if he needs to.

"Maybe we'll be skating by this afternoon," says Tom.

Sam says, "Yes! Call the girls."

Tom calls Deb, and Kit is already at Deb's home. The girls had a sleepover last night. The girls say they will be ready by ten o'clock and will bring lunch and hot cocoa for a snow picnic.

"I have extra snow clothes for you to borrow, Kit. I found a few bargains at the Clothes Shed that I just could not resist with my manager's discount. I have a cute snow parka and matching woolen hat that Sam will like."

Tom picks up the girls and they arrive shortly after ten at Sam's house. The snow has stopped falling and the sun is out. The distant snowy mountains sparkle in sunlight.

Sam says, "We'll be back before dark, Mom. I'm sorry you can't come with us, Pug. It's just too cold for you."

Pug growls.

At the lake the friends work hard clearing off the surface of the ice where they plan to skate. They scrape and rake and get rid of all of the snow for their ice-skating rink. Finally, it's ready. Skating is so much fun!



Re-think Why does Kit have to borrow snow clothes from Deb?



After lunch, Tom uses his ice axe and saw to cut out a nice hole for ice fishing. Tom even piles up and packs down snow to make some seats to surround his fishing hole. "Keep an eye out for those fish," says Tom.

Sam, Kit, and Deb try out Tom's snow seats. Sam and Kit cuddle a bit.

"Hey! No romance while I'm fishing. It disturbs the fish," kids Tom. "These fish are really hungry today. I bet lots of your neighbors will be using the fishing hole and the ice-skating rink this season, Sam."

"Everyone is always welcome," says Sam.

"Apparently, Pug agrees," says Deb.

Kit and Tom laugh.

"How did you escape, Pug?" asks Sam. "How did you sneak out?"



Interpret Why did Tom make only three snow seats?



"Aw... let him stay. You don't mind, do you Kit?" asks Tom. "That Pug is an escape artist."

Kit is not overly fond of Pug, but she shrugs her shoulders and says, "Oh, I guess not."

Slipping and sliding, Pug runs around on the ice rink. He wants to ice skate like the girls and boys. The friends all laugh at Pug's repeated attempts to ice skate.

Pug trots on over to Tom's fishing hole to watch Tom fish. Pug sees the fish through the ice. Pug wants to fish like Tom. Pug sees a fish right in the middle of the hole. Pug jumps in to get the fish.



Tom drops his pole and pulls out a wet and shivering dog by a blanket. No, Pug did not catch his fish. The friends rush back to Sam's house to get Pug into a warm bath.

Sam may work at a hot dog stand, but Pug is not a hot dog today. He is one very cold dog.

Sounds and Spellings

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Word Fluency

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tough friend floor banana world

emphasis build rough against bugle

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