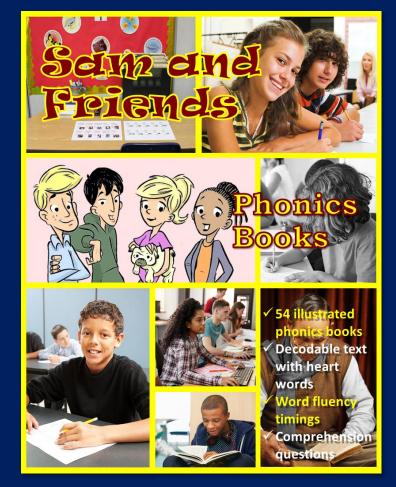




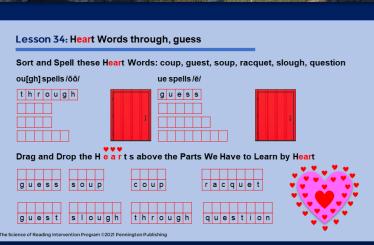
#### **Lesson 32: Sound Box Answers**

WORD/ SOUNDS	1	2	3	4	5	6
beside	b	е	S	i	d(e)	
tidy	t	i	d	у		
untie	u	n	t	ie		
byway	b	У	W	ay		
tighten	t	igh	t	е	n	
brightly	b	r	igh	t	I	У
again	а	g	ai	n		
because	b	е	C	au	s(e)	

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## Activity #5: Sam and Friends Phonics Books

The 54 **Sam and Friends Phanics Books** feature decodable stories with teenage characters, high-interest plots, and non-juvenile cartoons. Students will enjoy reading about the adventures of Sam and his friends: Tom, Kit, and Deb. Oh, and also Sam's dog, Pug. The plots for each story reinforce positive values and character development and feature multi-ethnic teenage characters. The books are cleverly illustrated by master cartoonist, David Rickert.

Each 8-page story helps students practice the focus sound-spellings and the 2 Heart Words from that day's Blending, Segmenting, and Spelling Activity #2 lesson and previous lessons. Students get immediate, code-based reading practice, using what they have learned that day. All 54 stories are provided in both teacher and student Google slides, tablet, phone, and print booklet formats. Note that printing instructions are found in the Appendix.



The stories include five embedded reading comprehension questions, applying the research-based **SCRIP Comprehension Strategies** (Summarize, Connect, Re-think, Interpret, Predict). Text boxes are provided for student answers. Students interact with the story text in comment or question margin note text boxes for self-guided monitoring of the text. The comprehension answers and margin notes require teacher review. No answer key is provided, because most of the higher order comprehension questions are inferential or may have multiple answers.

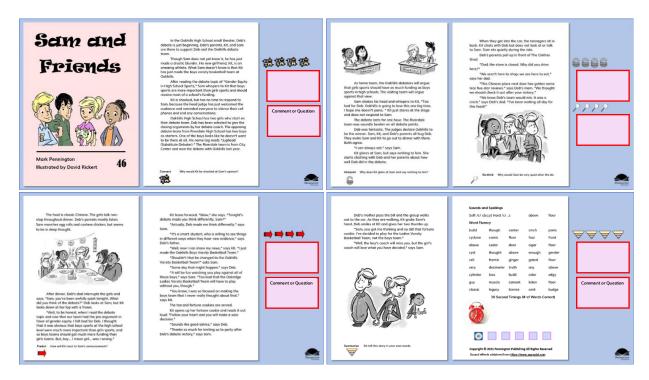
Researchers find these comprehension-building techniques to be "effective for improving reading comprehension performance across a range of diverse learners and across various educational settings" (Joseph, Alber-Morgan, Cullen, & Rouse, 2016).

Additionally, each book provides word fluency practice on the focus sound-spellings, high frequency words, and Heart Words with systematic review of previously practiced sound-spellings. A 30-second timer helps students time and record their own fluency progress. Students will improve reading fluency as they develop automaticity with their sight word lexicons.

Dr. Tim Shanahan comments on why fluency practice is essential for older struggling readers: "For many students oral reading fluency practice continues to help in the consolidation of decoding skills beyond that point (O'Reilly, et al., 2019), and it also starts to morph into an activity that helps to support prosody development which is more directly implicated in reading comprehension" (Breznitz, 2006).

## **SCRIPTED DIRECTIONS:** Read Aloud, Sounds-Spelling, Word Fluency

- 1. Display the teacher Google slide, and tell students to open their **Sam and Friends Photics Books**. Say, "These stories will help you practice what you have learned in today's lesson. As I read the story out loud, slide your hand under the words that I read." Show students how to slide their hand underneath the text, left to right as they read, and how to slide back quickly under the same line and drop down to the next line to read.
- 2. After reading, review the illustrations and read the captions for your students, asking "What's going on here?" Note that the illustrations enhance enjoyment and assist with re-telling the story, but do not provide meaning-making apart from the text.

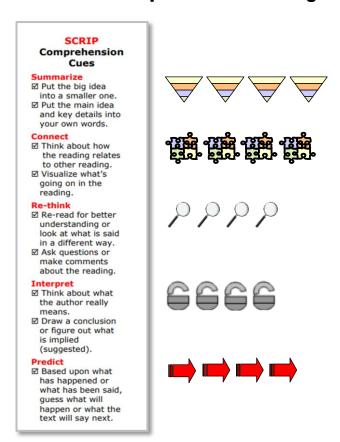


- 3. Next, display the last page of the story and point to each of the **Sounds and Spellings**, asking "Sound?" for each spelling and "Word?" for the 2 Heart Words.
- 4. Point underneath the first **Word Fluency** word. Say, "Now, we are going to practice the words we are building with the sounds we are learning. We are all going to read them out loud in 6-inch voices at the same time. Don't read with your neighbor. Read on your own at your own pace. This is not a race." Note that each **Word Fluency i**ncludes new and review focus sound-spellings and Heart Words.
- "When I say, 'Ready, begin,' we will all start reading left to right for 30 seconds. Slide your hand underneath the words as you read. When I say, 'Stop,' point your hand to the last word you read and count backwards to determine how many words you read. Ready, begin."
- 5. "Now write your word count in the first empty box below the alarm clock."

## **SCRIPTED DIRECTIONS:** Re-reads, Word Fluency, and Comprehension

- 1. Gradually release responsibility to your students by having them individually or pair-read each story out loud multiple times in 6-inch voices. Walk the room to monitor, assist, and correct. Interrupt students' reading to complete and record 30 second word fluency timings (# of correctly read words). Depending upon the number of students, teachers may or may not complete fluencies on all students. Keep track to monitor the progress of each student throughout the week. Note that as the story texts get longer, students will complete fewer repeated readings.
- 2. Students complete the **Comment or Question** margin notes and the **SCRIP Comprehension Strategy** questions individually or in pairs. If using Google slides, students type in text boxes. If using printed booklets or other display-only devices, students write margin notes and answers to the comprehension questions on the pages or in a notebook.

### The SCRIP Comprehension Strategies



All 5 of the SCRIP Comprehension Strategies questions are embedded in each of the 54 Sam and Friends Phonics Books.

The Summarize, Connect, Re-think, Interpret, Predict cues prompt students to self-question, monitor their comprehension, and build independence. The cues also provide a common language of instruction for discussing narrative and expository text.

The cues move students beyond recall to inferential questioning and the SCRIP Comprehension Questions emphasize higher order thinking skills.

Make sure to use the SCRIP terminology and encourage students to do so when reviewing comment or question margin notes and the answers to the comprehension questions. See the Appendix for the SCRIP Comprehension Cues Bookmarks.

- 3. Discuss the students' **Comment or Question** margin notes and their answers to the **SCRIP Comprehension Strategy** questions. Students re-read each of the 3 books per week and complete final **Word Fluencies** for each.
- 4. The **Sam and Friends Phonics Books** are ideal homework assignments. Whether students access the stories at home on Google slides, on tablets or phones, or as printed *take-home* booklets, students can practice independently or with family members.

# Sam and Friends



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Pug is Sam's dog. Sam loves his dog and Pug loves Sam. Sam and his mom raised Pug since he was a puppy. Pug is a very grumpy old dog. In fact, Pug can be downright grouchy. Pug keeps a mean scowl on his face for most everyone except Sam. Pug knows that Tom is Sam's best friend and so Pug tolerates Tom, but only so much.

That dog barks, howls, and growls just for fun.

And that dog is loud! And of course, Kit is not overly
fond of Pug, and Pug does not like Kit much. But
Sam likes Kit and so this is a problem.

Sam and Pug ride in Tom's van to work every morning. Pug goes to work with Sam each day to Sam's hot dog stand. After working at the hot dog stand, Sam and Pug ride home with Tom.

After work today, Sam and Pug will go with Tom to his house. Tom lives with his mom, dad, and sister in a large brown home, just south of town. Tom wants Sam to stay for dinner and help him beat the last level in his video game.

After Sam and Tom eat a snack, they play Tom's video game. Sam wants to help Tom get past the last level. After playing for a while, Sam says, "We had better stop for a bit. Pug needs to go out. Let's take a quick walk before dinner."

Interpret Why does Pug need to go out?





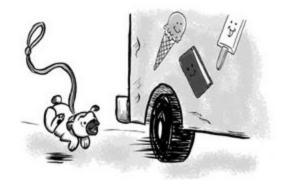
Comment or Question:



Sam has the leash on Pug and they all go for a walk outside. As they get to the corner, an ice cream truck passes by. Pug hates the man driving the ice cream truck. The ice cream man plays the same song everyday, and Pug hates that song. The song blares out of the truck's outside speakers.

"No, Pug!" shouts Sam. "Don't! Stay, Pug, stay.
Ouch!"

Tom knows what will happen next. He's seen Pug react to an ice cream truck before. Pug jerked the leash out of Sam's hand and started chasing that ice cream truck.



Predict What will happen to Pug and the ice cream truck?



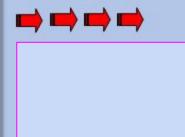
The ice cream truck is headed downtown. Tom and Sam hop in Tom's van and follow Pug. There is a street fair downtown and the ice cream truck parks in the town square. It's a huge crowd. You couldn't count the numbers.



Pug runs round and round the ice cream truck. The crowd of people in the town square stop what they are doing to see Pug.

"What a hound!" someone shouts.

It takes forever for Tom and Sam to get even close to the town square. At last Tom and Sam find a parking space. Sam jumps out of the van to get Pug.



Comment or Question:



Pug is jumping up and down, barking, growling, and howling at the ice cream man. The crowd thinks it's funny, but not the ice cream man. He can't get out of his truck to sell his ice cream. Pug just won't let him. Pug sits outside at the door.

Sam runs up to his dog and catches Pug by the leash.

"No, Pug, no!" shouts Sam.

Tom comes running up to the ice cream truck as well.

"Stop growling at the nice ice cream man, Pug. He's a nice guy!" yells Tom.

The ice cream man can now get out of his truck and sell his ice cream to the crowd. He has a mean scowl on his face as he glances at Sam and Pug, but he smiles at the crowd waiting to buy his ice cream.

Sam tries to make it up to the ice cream man by buying three ice cream cones: one for Tom, one for himself, and one for-



—Pug. Sam leans down and gives a cone to Pug. Pug starts licking it like crazy.

"Why does Pug get ice cream? He was a bad dog, twisting the leash out of your hand and chasing that truck," says Tom.

Pug can't help it," says Sam. "He's just a dog."

Pug sure loves the ice cream, but not the ice cream man. As they leave to go back to the van, Pug growls one last time at the ice cream man.

"Knock it off, Pug. Dogs that growl go to the pound," says Tom. "I know how to make dogs like you follow the rules."

Pug puts his head down low to the ground and keeps on walking. He does not want to go to the pound. He had better follow the rules while Tom is with Sam in town.

Connect Why won't Pug mind Sam as much as Tom?

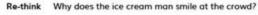














Sam is proud of his dog, but Pug does need to mind Sam better. "Thanks for your help, Tom. I had better spend some time training Pug not to jerk on the leash and to stay when I tell him 'Stay.'"

"That makes sense," says Tom.

"Pug sure liked his ice cream," says Sam.

"Now that he knows what that truck sells, maybe Pug won't think that the ice cream man is so mean. Maybe he won't chase the ice cream truck," says Tom.

"Maybe. But that ice cream is so tasty, it makes me want to chase that truck," says Sam.



Summarize Re-tell this story in your own words.



#### Sounds and Spellings

/ow/ as in cow \_ow, ou\_ very any

#### Word Fluency

very	any	burning	town	thin
owls	pretty	thinking	thought	door
enough	clown	front	hurts	only
out	many	live	through	ours
mouse	guess	down	very	four
could	churn	any	pretty	said
crowd	nothing	against	clouds	doubt
any	turned	burps	ocean	very
again	pout	pronoun	loud	found

30 Second Timings (# of Words Correct)















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