

Let's Read!

Text 1

Encourage your child to point to the words while reading, if needed. If your child needs help reading an unfamiliar word, encourage him or her to say sounds in the word and then blend them together to read the word. If it is a longer word, encourage your child to read parts of the word separately and then put the parts together to read the whole word. If more support is needed, model reading each word or sentence first and then have your child read what you read.

Directions:

1. Ask your child to read the word list in the Word List column before reading the text. Help your child with any words that are difficult.
2. Talk about the meaning of the text.

Word List	Text
<p>garage</p> <p>finally</p> <p>suddenly</p> <p>pursued</p> <p>caught</p>	<p>Sam's Day Outside</p> <p>When Sam heard the garage door open, he sat next to the door. As soon as Matt opened the door to come into the house, Sam ran out as fast as he could. He ran faster than he had ever run in his life. Finally, he was outside and free! He ran straight to the river. Matt ran after him and Sam hid in the bushes. Matt kept calling for Sam but finally Matt went back inside. Sam felt as free as a lion in a jungle, even though he was just a cat.</p> <p>Sam ran through the grass, watched the river, and chased rabbits and birds. He loved it outside! He could not believe that he had stayed inside for so long. Sam saw a butterfly and chased it down a path and through the tall grass. Suddenly he was face to face with a large dog with sharp teeth. Sam turned around as fast as he could and ran. He heard the dog's paws pounding on the ground. He heard the dog growling and barking as he pursued Sam. Sam's heart was racing! What would happen if the dog caught him?</p> <p>Sam ran faster. He ran along the river bank and then headed toward the house. The dog caught up to Sam and nipped at his tail. Luckily, all the dog got was a mouthful of fur! Sam saw Matt holding the door open. Sam ran inside the house and straight to his big, comfortable chair next to the window. He sat in the sun and decided that staying inside and looking at the river through the window was much nicer and safer than being outside.</p>