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Sam in the pit



Little Learners Love Literacy®

How to use this book

The Little Learners Love Literacy® stories are written for beginner readers and enable children to practise their phonic skills through reading. Each stage is carefully sequenced to give children confidence and success.

Encourage children to decode or 'sound out' any unfamiliar words. There are some words that children cannot decode at this stage. We call these 'heart words'.

Heart words are high frequency words that children need to 'learn by heart', such as *the*, *my* and *I*.

Speed sounds: Children point to each sound and read it. Make sure children use the pure sound, that is without an 'uh'. Refer to the Little Learners Love Literacy® Teacher Resource for detailed guidance. Children need to know these sounds to read the book.

Vocabulary check: This is a list of words that may need to be discussed either before or after reading the book.

Questions to talk about: After children have read the book, it is important to talk about the questions and enjoy the story together. These questions help with comprehension and the vocabulary listed.

Heart words



Speed sounds

m	s	f	a	p	t	c	i
b	h	n	o	d	g	l	v



Sam has his nap on
my lap.

Stage 1

Sounds: m s f a p t c i

Heart words: the The My my I

- 1 Sam, Pip, Tim
- 2 I am Tim
- 3 My cat Tip
- 4 The map
- 5 Sam is it

Stage 2

Sounds: b h n o d g l v

Heart words: the The my My I

- 6 Pip
- 7 Tim and the van
- 8 At the dam
- 9 My hat
- 10 Sam in the pit

Stage 3

Sounds: y r e qu z

Heart words: he to was we she

- 11 Ned
- 12 Big Ted and Meg
- 13 Tim's quiz
- 14 Dad and his hot dog
- 15 The rat

Stage 4

Sounds: j u k x w

Heart words: of are too for her

- 16 At the fun run
- 17 Mud
- 18 In the log hut
- 19 On the bus
- 20 The big red box

Stage Plus 4

Sounds: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
p q r s t u v w x y z

Focus: double consonants –
one sound

- 20a The Little Vet
- 20b Sad Tip
- 20c No Ned
- 20d A Mud Picnic
- 20e The Big Wind Day

Stage 5

Sounds: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
p q r s t u v w x y z ck

Focus: adjacent consonants, ck

- 21 A Fan-tas-tic Snack
- 22 The Pip and Tim Zoo
- 23 The Best Stuff
- 24 A Bag of Junk
- 25 Splat!

Stage 6

Focus: ck sh ch th ng

- 26 Quack!
- 27 The Shed Shop
- 28 The Munch Bunch Fun Park
- 29 Thud Thump Thunk
- 30 A Day in the Jungle

Stage 7

Unit 1

Focus: ai ay ee ea igh ie oa

- 31 The Snails That Tim Forgot
- 32 The Teeny Tiny Tree
- 33 The Sky High Pie Shop
- 34 The Not So Good Goat
- 35 Beach Camp

Stage 7

Unit 2

Focus: ar or er ir ur air

- 36 Art Party
- 37 Silly Sports Day
- 38 Monster Picnic
- 39 Airy Fairy Fair
- 40 Ha! Ha! Ha!

Stage 7

Unit 3

Focus: oo ow ou oi oy

- 41 Hullabaloo
- 42 Down on the Farm
- 43 Oink, Oink, Oink!
- 44 Oops!
- 45 Hullabazoo

Stage 7

Unit 4

Focus: oo ow ou oi oy

- 46 A Strange Tale
- 47 Rise and Shine
- 48 High Hopes
- 49 A Huge Day
- 50 Things to Amaze You

Stage 7

Unit 5