

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Retell Stories

Read the short story and answer each question.



Sam and the Secret Tunnel

Sam and his dog, Wiggles, played near the big oak tree.

Wiggles barked at a pile of leaves.

"What is it?" Sam asked. He moved the leaves and found a wooden door!

Sam pulled the handle. The door creaked open. A tunnel!

Sam and Wiggles crawled inside. It was dark and twisty.

They found old rocks, a lost glove, and a broken wagon wheel.

Then—light! They reached the end and popped out by the creek.

"Cool!" Sam said.

They walked back around and marked the tunnel with a stick.

"Tomorrow," Sam whispered, "we explore again!"

Name: _____

Sam and the Secret Tunnel

1. What did Sam and Wiggles find under the leaves?

- A. A wooden door
- B. A treasure chest
- C. A squirrel
- D. A box of toys

2. Where did the tunnel lead?

- A. To the creek
- B. To a cave
- C. To a house
- D. To a school

3. Fill in the blank:

Wiggles barked at a pile of _____.

4. How did Sam show he was brave?

5. What message or lesson can we learn from this story?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: I

Lexile Level: 240L-390L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, End of the Year

Genre: Adventure

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read an adventure story about a boy and his dog who find a secret tunnel. As we read, think about how Sam explores and what he learns. Pay attention to the order of events and the message of the story."

Vocabulary: tunnel, creaked, glove, brave, explore

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever found something hidden outside?
 2. What do you think a secret tunnel might look like?
 3. Why do people like to explore?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What did Sam and Wiggles find under the leaves?
 2. What kinds of things did they see inside the tunnel?
 3. How did they feel when they saw the light?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How was this story an adventure?
 2. What did Sam do at the end to show he wanted to keep exploring?
 3. What lesson can we learn from Sam's story?
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Activity Idea

Let students draw a map of Sam and Wiggles' tunnel adventure. They can add arrows, labels, and even a "next path" for what might happen tomorrow.

