

# Sardines in the Bathtub

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## Distributor



Age

10

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Word Count

306 Words

## Story at a Glance

Sam felt lonely playing alone while his older brother, Jake, and his friends were playing downstairs. He came out of his room later and could not find anyone. He heard something in the bathroom and found everyone hiding behind the shower curtain. They were playing Sardines and invited Sam to play with them.

## Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *Sardines in the Bathtub*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!



## Key Words

wink

to close and open one eye quickly

ruffle

to make uneven; to mix up

follow

to go after

lonely

alone

favorite

most liked

boring

uninteresting

peek

to take a quick look

whisper

to talk quietly

## Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

**01** After the dog rolled in the grass, his fur was \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① ruffled
- ② winked
- ③ crept

**02** Sam walked downstairs to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① peek
- ② basement
- ③ shower curtain

**03** " \_\_\_\_\_!" said Nancy when she finished the project.

- ① ruffling
- ② boring
- ③ shower curtain

**04** In the library, you must \_\_\_\_\_ so other people don't hear you.

- ① creep
- ② whisper
- ③ stare

**05** You will \_\_\_\_\_ get an A on this project because it's perfect.

- ① definitely
- ② lonely
- ③ ruffling

# Words Building

After reading *Sardines in the Bathtub*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

**wink**

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**ruffle**

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**follow**

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**lonely**

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**boring**

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**peek**

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**whisper**

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# Grammar

Choose the right end mark and decide if the sentence is a statement or a question.  
Solve the sample question before you start.

<Sample>

Everyone else is downstairs (. ?)

[question statement]

01 Do you want to play (. ?)

[question statement]

02 Sam went into his room (. ?)

[question statement]

03 Why don't you go play with your train in your room (. ?)

[question statement]

04 He knew that the game was like hide-and-peek (. ?)

[question statement]

05 Two of the boys were whispering to each other (. ?)

[question statement]

## Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01** Mark is Sam's favorite out of all of Jake's friends. T / F
- 02** Sam found Mark in the basement. T / F
- 03** Mark was eating sardines in the bathtub with his friends. T / F
- 04** Sardines is a game like hide-and-seek, except when you find someone hiding, you hide with him. T / F

## Understanding #2

**01** What is the main idea of the story?

- ① Sam wanted to play with Mark, who was playing a game called Sardines with his friends.
- ② Sam's mom wanted him to play with his trains in his room.
- ③ Jake didn't know how to play "Sardines."

**02** Sam found the boys in the bathtub, so he \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① looked for Jake in the basement
- ② went into his room to play
- ③ found his parents in the kitchen
- ④ climbed into the bathtub with the boys

**03** Why couldn't Sam find Mark for a long time?

- ① Mark was eating sardines by himself.
- ② Mark went home for a little while.
- ③ Mark was hiding because he was playing a game.
- ④ Mark was busy playing video games.

**04** Sam looked for Mark \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① in the basement upstairs
- ② in the kitchen and living room only
- ③ all over the house
- ④ in the living room only

# Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

The boys were laughing. "Let's play again, but we need more people. Do you want to play?" Jake asked Sam. Sam definitely did.

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②



③



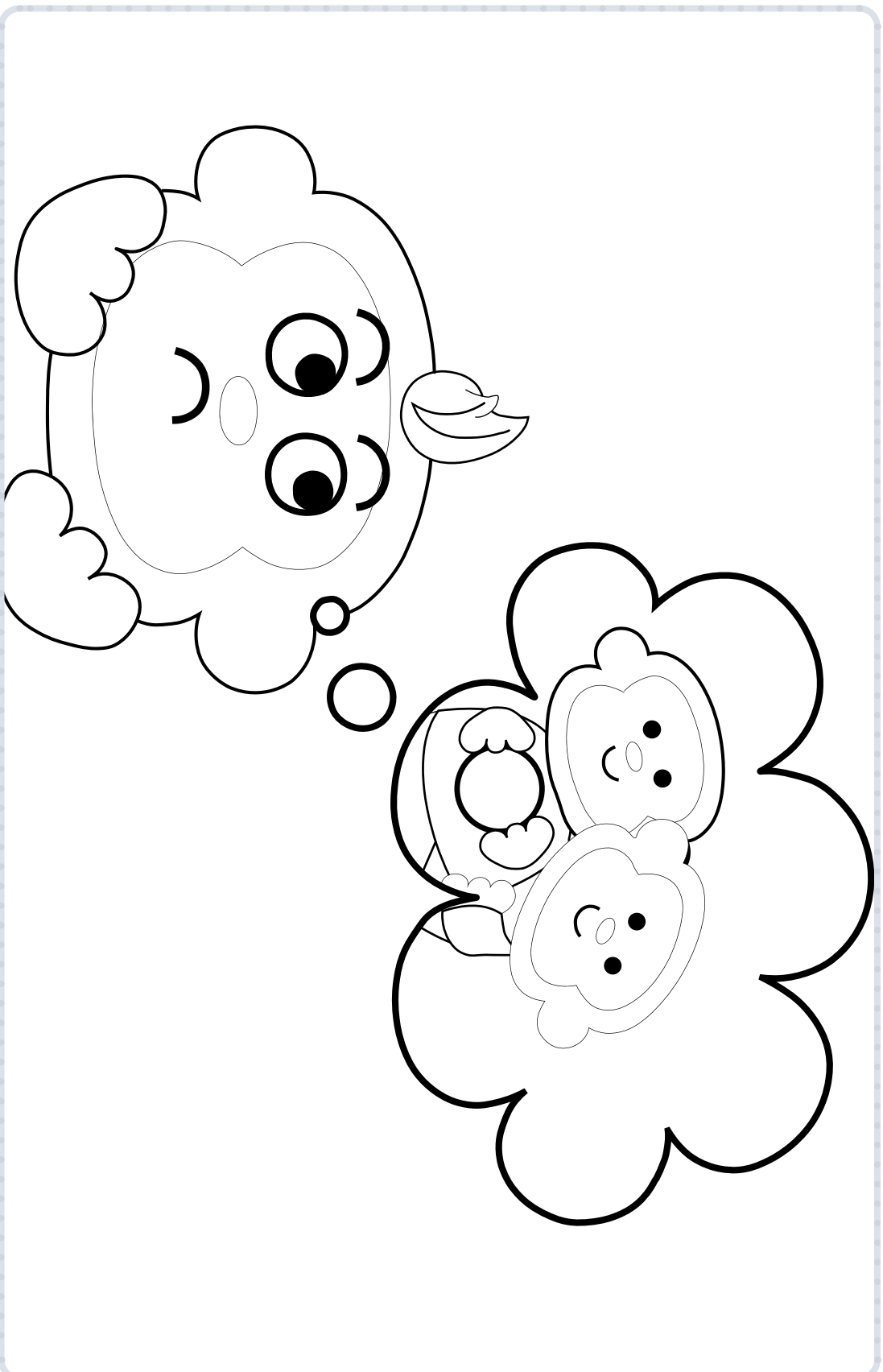
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# Coloring Sheet

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👤 NAME:



# Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



Sam decided to check out the kitchen because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Sam found \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

"Maybe Mark's in the basement," Sam thought.



Sam passed the bathroom door. He thought \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

He decided to take one last look, and he \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

# Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

**01** Why do you think Mark was Sam's favorite?

**02** Why do you think the two boys were whispering in the living room?

**03** If you were playing Sardines, where do you think would be a good place to hide in the house other than the bathtub?

# Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

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Title

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Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

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(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

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# Making Your Own Story

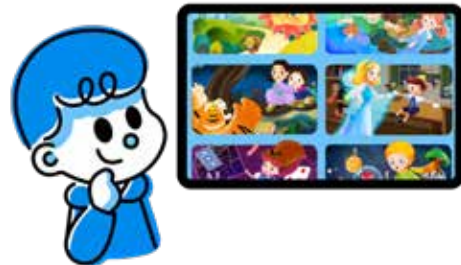


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① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *Sardines in the Bathtub* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *Sardines in the Bathtub*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

# Answer Sheet

## Words Use

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ②
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ②
- 5 - ①

## Grammar

- 1 - ? / question
- 2 - . / statement
- 3 - ? / question
- 4 - . / statement
- 5 - . / statement

## Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - F
- 4 - T

## Understanding #2

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ④
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ③

## Understanding #3

- Top - ④
- Bottom - ①

## Speaking Fluency

[Left]

Sam decided to check out the kitchen because maybe Mark was there getting a snack. Sam found his mother and father talking and drinking coffee, but no Mark. "Maybe Mark's in the basement," Sam thought.

[Right]

Sam passed the bathroom door. He thought he heard something, but the room was empty. He decided to take one last look, and he walked over to the bathtub and pushed back the shower curtain.

## Critical Thinking

### Possible Answer

1. I think Mark was Sam's favorite because he played with Sam even if his brother didn't.
2. I think the two boys were whispering in the living room because they were thinking of where to hide together.
3. If I were playing Sardines, a good place to hide would be in my closet because my closet is big enough to fit a few people but it also has a lot of clothes we could cover ourselves with.