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Sam and the Cat (Short a)

Sam has a black hat.

His black hat is flat.

He sat on a mat with his black hat.

He then saw a fat cat.

The fat cat sat next to Sam and looked at his hat.

Sam pat the cat.

The cat likes Sam.

He made friends with the cat.

Sam is happy to have a cat.

The cat is happy to have Sam.



1. Read about Sam and the Cat
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. Sam's hat is:

- a. big
- b. black
- c. small

2. Sam's cat is:

- a. black
- b. fat
- c. mad

3. What do they sit on?

- a. a bed
- b. a chair
- c. a mat

4. What does Sam do to the cat?

- a. feed it
- b. pat it
- c. hug it

5. The cat is _____ to have Sam.

- a. happy
- b. sad
- c. mad

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Sam and the Cat (Short a) Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Why do you think the cat liked Sam?
 2. How is Sam like somebody you know?
 3. What are 3 things about Sam.
 4. What did this story make you think about and see in your mind?
- Would you want a cat? Why or why not?
 - What might be a good name for the cat?
 - What kind of person would a cat like?
 - What should Sam do with his cat?