

A watercolor illustration of a large, light-brown dog named Mudge and a young boy named Henry in a field of tall yellow grass. Mudge is on the left, looking towards Henry with his tongue out. Henry is on the right, wearing a green and white striped shirt and blue pants, holding a stick. The background shows a path leading into the distance with some green bushes and a blue sky.

Henry and Mudge

The First Book of Their Adventures

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About the author and the illustrator



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Sucie Stevenson: She lives near the sea on Cape Cod. She draw pictures for children's books full time. She also writes her own books. She once owned an English mastiff just like Mudge. He was so big he took up the entire sofa. And now she has a little cocker spaniel that sleeps under her desk and snores as she works.

About the story



It was a story about a boy whose name was Henry. He had no friends nor brothers and sisters, so he wanted a pet to play with him. His parents bought a little puppy names Mudge, which was really small. Then he grew and gres until he weight on hundred eighty pounds! Mugde and Henry became the best friends.

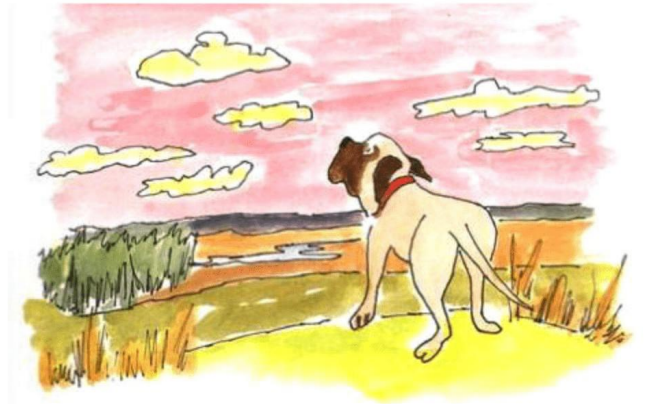


He walked to school
and patted Mudge's big head,
happy.

About the story



One day, Mudge left alone without Henry and lost. They couldn't find each other, both were sad. Henry walked everywhere, calling and calling. Finally they found each other. From then on, they always did things together, and would never lose each other.



He couldn't smell Henry.
He couldn't smell
his front porch.
He couldn't smell
the street he lived on.
Mudge looked all around
and didn't see anything
or anyone
he knew.

About new words



1. hug: v. 紧抱;抱住;坚持;紧握;靠近 n. 拥抱;(摔跤中的)抓握

例: She greeted me with a hug.

2. search(过去式searched): n. & v. 搜寻;搜索;探求;调查

例: When I began my search, the auguries were not good.

3. floppy: adj. 松软的;懒散的;邋遢的

例: floppy coat

4. straight: adv. 笔直地;adj. 直的;直筒型(非紧身)的;准的;正中目标的;n. 异性恋者;直道部分;直道

例: Keep straight on for two miles.

5. collars: n. 衣领;领子;(动物,尤指狗的)颈圈;(管子或机器部件的)圈、箍;v. 抓住;揪住;拦住(某人以与其)谈话;

例: Mother took hold of the barking dogs by their collars.

6. drool: v. 垂涎;淌口水;(对...)垂涎欲滴,过分痴迷

例: The dog was drooling at the mouth.

7. lick: v. 舔;舔吃;舔着喝;掠过;(火舌)舔食;n. 舔;一点儿(涂料);(吉他演奏的歌曲)小过门;

例: The cat sat licking its paws.

8. tornadoes: n. 龙卷风;旋风;

例: Tornadoes battered the area, but the hospital was spared.

About new words



9. vanilla: n. 香草醛, 香草香精; adj. 香草味的; 普通的; 毫无特色的

例: vanilla ice cream;

The city is pretty much plain vanilla.

10. sniff: v. 抽鼻子, 嗅, 闻; 抱怨; 不以为然地说; n. 吸气(声); 抽鼻子(声); 嗅; 闻; 感觉; 察觉; 微小的可能性;

例: She took a deep sniff of the perfume.

11. porch: n. 门廊; 门厅;

例: Is there a light in the porch or garden?

12. stream: n. 小河; 溪; 流; ; v. 流动; 流出; 鱼贯而行;

例: The stream meanders slowly down to the sea.

13. whine: v. 哭哭啼啼; 哭嚷; 哀鸣; 惨叫; n. 嘎吱声; (儿童发出的) 哭喊声; (狗发出的) 号叫声; 抱怨的语调

例: The dog whined and scratched at the door.

14. bush: n. 灌木; 灌木状的东西(尤指浓密的毛发或皮毛); (尤指非洲和澳大利亚的) 荒野; (新西兰未被砍伐的) 林区;

复数: bushes

15. dust: n. 尘土; 灰尘

About new phrase



1. used to do sth. 过去常常做某事
2. look at each other 互相对望
3. search for sb or sth. 寻找某人或某物
4. not just any dog 不是随随便便的一条狗
5. pointed ears\floppy ears\straight fur\curly fur
6. grow out of sth 从某物中成长
7. stop growing 停止生长
8. fall asleep 睡着

About new phrase



9. sit on sb 坐在某人身上

10. as fast as he could 他尽可能快地.

11. look straight ahead\look back 直直地朝前看/回头看

12. pat sb's head 抚摸某人的头

13. go through a field 穿过一片原野

14. across a stream 淌过一条小溪

15. go away 走开

16. wake up 醒来

Reflection



Henry and Mudge are the best friends in the world, they will never get angry about each other and won't break up.

Actually, I had a dog when I was seven. He was a cute puppy with curly black fur. So I named him "Curly". I often took him out to play. And in my spare time, he liked to chew shoes and watching TV with me. Whenever I came from school, Curly was always happy and ran to me. But I only had him for a few months because once we went out together, but he ran alone and was lost. We hurried to look for him, unfortunately we couldn't find him anywhere. I was heartbroken and missed him.



Thank you!

