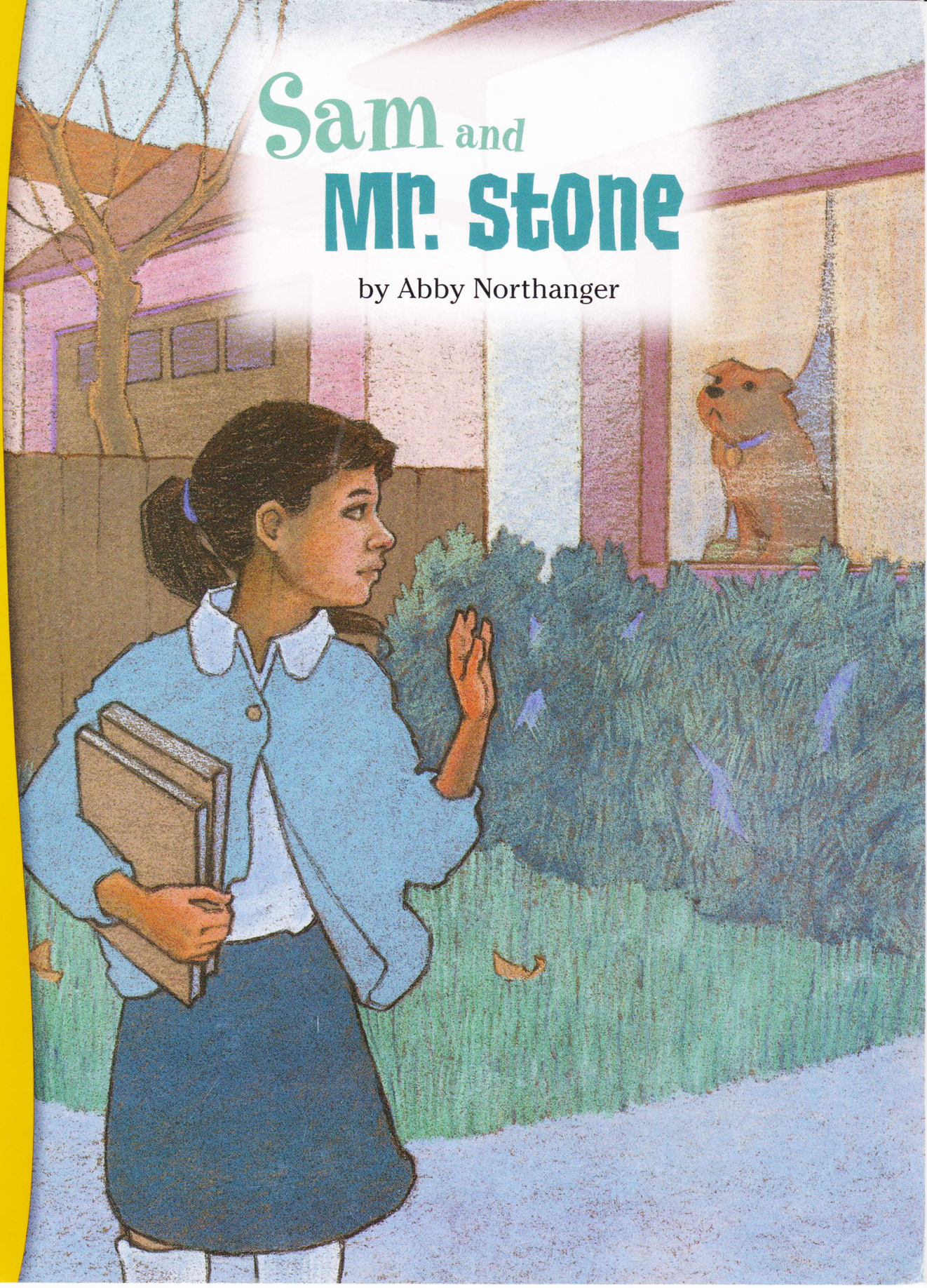


Sam and Mr. Stone

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Rita had a dog named Sam. Most people liked Sam, but not Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone lived alone in the house next door to Rita. She never saw him smile. Mr. Stone was always grumbling. He said Sam made too much noise.

Every morning Rita went to school. Sam stayed home alone. One afternoon Rita came home. Sam was standing outside.

“Bad dog!” Rita shouted. “You should be inside the house. How did you get out?”

Mr. Stone was watching Rita and Sam. “The dog jumped through the open window,” Mr. Stone said. “He’s not bad. He’s just lonely.”

Rita looked at Mr. Stone. She had an idea. “Could you keep Sam with you?” she asked. “Just when I’m at school?” she added.

Mr. Stone looked surprised. “I guess I wouldn’t mind,” he said. Then he smiled.



COMPREHENSION

A Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What did Rita learn about Mr. Stone?
 - a That he didn't like dogs
 - b That he didn't like to be alone
- 2 Why did Mr. Stone grumble?
 - a Because Sam dug holes in the garden
 - b Because Sam was too noisy
- 3 Why did Rita call Sam a bad dog?
 - a Because Sam made Mr. Stone angry
 - b Because Sam jumped through the window
- 4 What good thing did Rita do?
 - a She let Sam stay with Mr. Stone.
 - b She made Sam stay inside her house.
- 5 Why did Mr. Stone smile at the end of the story?
 - a Because at last Sam would stop barking
 - b Because now he would not be alone

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B $h + ad = had$

Look at each row of letters. Add one letter or group of letters from each row to *ad* to make a word. Write the word.

1	n, s, j	+ ad
2	b, v, q	
3	n, p, k	
4	d, y, z	
5	bl, sl, gl	



LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 “_____ dog!” Rita shouted.
- 7 Sam lived with Rita, her mother, and her _____.
- 8 Rita took pencils and a _____ of paper to school.
- 9 Sam cried and was _____ when Rita went to school.
- 10 Mr. Stone smiled because he was _____.

THINK ABOUT IT

D Where is Sam?

This sentence asks a question about Sam. It ends with a question mark (?).

Sam jumped through the window.

This sentence tells you something about Sam. It ends with a period (.).

Read each sentence. If it asks a question and should end with a question mark, write *question*. If it tells you something and should end with a period, write *period*.

- 1 What is your dog's name
- 2 Why is the dog barking
- 3 The dog is standing outside the school
- 4 The dog is very hungry
- 5 Would you like to have a dog