The Wet Dog

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Letter sound /d/

Green Words (Phonetic):

Dad  Matt  Sad
mad  not  Sam

Red Words (Sight):

is  no

Practice reading these sentences.

Sad Sam is 😊 .
Matt is mad.
Dad is mad.
This is a story about a boy named Matt, and his dog. Matt’s dog always looks sad. What do you think his name is?

Sad Sam.
Sad Sam looks sad, but he is really a happy dog. In fact, Sad Sam’s problem is that he’s too happy sometimes.

Sad Sam is 😊 happy.
When Sad Sam gets happy, he runs around and jumps up on people. Sad Sam rolls around in muddy water and then he comes inside. He is glad to see Matt. Is Matt glad to see Sad Sam? Matt says:

No, Sad Sam.
Matt loves Sad Sam, but no one loves a wet dog! Sad Sam shakes himself and muddy water gets all over Matt. Matt says:

Sad Sam, no!
Matt’s dad comes into the room. Dad loves Sad Sam. But no one loves a wet dog! Dad says:

No, Sad Sam!
Dad is mad!
Sad Sam just won’t listen. Wet dogs never listen. Now Matt and his dad are both wet! They say:

No, no, no, no, no, no, Sad Sam!
Dad is mad.
Matt is mad.
But is Sad Sam mad?

Sad Sam is not mad.
Sad Sam is 😊. happy
Do you think Matt and Dad will stay mad?

Matt is 😊.
Dad is 😊.

happy
happy
1. Is Dad mad?
   yes no

2. Is Matt mad?
   yes no

3. Is Sad Sam mad?
   yes no
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