

# The New Step

Sam stood at the edge of the step.

It was not a big step.

But it looked big to Sam.

Sam lifted one foot.

Then Sam put it down again.

Dad stood close.

Dad did not rush.

Sam took a breath.

Sam stepped up.

Sam smiled.

## ***Parent Guide – The New Step (Level 1)***

### **Session 1 - Reading to**

You read the text to them. They listen.

After reading, these questions are optional. They focus on what happened and how the story ends.

#### **What did Sam do at the step?**

You might hear : He stopped. He looked.

If not : Reread the first part and leave it there.

#### **What happened at the end?**

You might hear - He stepped up. He did it.

If not - Reread the last two lines and stop.

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### **Session 2 - Echo reading**

You read one line. They repeat it back.

After reading, these questions are optional. They focus on what Sam is doing and why he stops.

#### **What is Sam doing at the step?**

You might hear - He lifts his foot. He is stepping.

If not - Reread the line, “Sam lifted one foot.” and move on.

#### **Why does Sam stop at the step?**

You might hear - It’s hard. It looks big. He’s not sure.

If not - Point to and reread the line, “But it looked big to Sam.” Finish there.

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### **Session 3 – Choral reading**

You read the story together at the same time.

After reading, these questions are optional. They focus on what changes and why Sam is smiling at the end.

#### **What does Sam do after he stops?**

You might hear - He tries again. He steps up.

If not - Reread the line: “Sam took a breath.” Move on.

#### **Why is Sam smiling at the end?**

You might hear - He did it. He made it. He got up.

If not - Reread the last three lines and finish.

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### **Session 4 – Partner reading**

Take turns reading one sentence each.

After reading, these questions are optional. They focus on remembering the story and what it is about.

#### **What do you remember about the story?**

You might hear - The step. When he stopped.

If not - That's okay. Point to one part and reread it.

#### **What is this story about?**

You might hear - Trying. The step. Being brave. Doing something hard.

If not - Say one short sentence about the story and finish.

*If this feels manageable, the story bundles continue the same structure without extra planning.*