

# Sammy the Silly Hot Dog



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PHASE 5

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Level 6 – Orange

# Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE IS A LIST OF PHONEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5			
ay (day)	ou (out)	ie (tie)	ea (eat)
oy (boy)	ir (girl)	ue (blue)	aw (saw)
wh (when)	ph (photo)	ew (new)	oe (toe)
au (Paul)	a_e (make)	e_e (these)	i_e (like)
o_e (home)	u_e (rule)		

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes			
a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so, other)
u (but, unit)	c (cat, cent)	g (got, giant)	ow (cow, blow)
ie (tied, field)	ea (eat, bread)	er (farmer, herb)	ch (chin, school, chef)
y (yes, by, very)	ou (out, shoulder, could, you)		

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.

Phase 5 Tricky Words			
oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

## TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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Sammy dropped things and tripped over her feet all the time. Look out, Sammy!



Sammy was clumsy. She got called a silly hot dog by her friends, her teacher and her mum all the time. But Sammy just smiled.



“Sammy, you are a silly hot dog!” Mum said to Sammy one morning.

“I was trying to make you some toast, Mum,” Sammy said.



The toast Sammy had made for Mum was black and burnt. Sammy had tried to make something that tasted good for her mum. Things never went right.





One day, Sammy and her friends were playing at the park. Sammy went up a tree. She went high up, right to the treetop.

"Sammy, what are you doing?" called Sammy's friend. "You might fall!"

There was a gust of wind and Sammy fell off the treetop. She landed right on her bum.



On another day, Sammy and her friends were playing on the street. It started to rain but Sammy did not have her raincoat.





“Run! Run!” her friends yelled.

“Wait for me!” Sammy said. Sammy started to run after her friends, but she tripped. She started to weep and her leg started to bleed.

Sammy went home. Her feet were wet, and she was sad. "What is the matter, hot dog?" Mum asked.



“I am sick of being a silly hot dog, Mum.  
I keep getting hurt,” said Sammy.  
“It’s okay, Sammy,” said Mum with a sigh.



That night, Mum tucked Sammy into bed. Mum hugged Sammy and pulled the sheets up to her chin. "Sleep tight, Sammy," Mum said.



“I keep getting hurt and things never go right. I am sick of being a silly hot dog,” said Sammy.



Sammy was tucked up tight in bed. She began to drift off into a deep sleep.



When she woke up, Sammy tried to get out of bed, but she started to roll.





Sammy looked down and saw that she had turned into a hot dog! And she was not in her bed – she was in a cooking pan! She was having a bad dream.



In a flash, Sammy was on the treetop at the park. "Why am I in the tree?" she said.

There was a bird in the nest that was looking for food. It saw Sammy and came closer. "How rude! Ow!" Sammy fell off the branch.



Sammy was on the street again. She saw her friends running away from the rain. She went to run and jump after them, but she fell over and started to roll. Sammy rolled and rolled and rolled down the street.





Sammy did not stop rolling down the street.  
And in fact, Sammy hoped she did not stop!



“Weee! This is fun, I want to keep rolling!” said Sammy. She was spinning, rolling, twirling and flipping all the way down the road.



Sammy woke up at home with a smile on her face. She looked down to see that she was a person again. She was amazed.



“It was okay being a hot dog. I had a lot of fun,” said Sammy.



The next morning, Mum came down to a shock. There was toast with lots of jam, and a mug of coffee waiting for her.



“Sammy, did you make this for me?” asked Mum.

“Yes, I did. I tried my best to make it for you, Mum! It is okay being a hot dog, just not a silly one!” said Sammy.



“Thank you, hot dog!” said Mum. She gave Sammy a big hug.



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1. What did Sammy do to the toast she made for Mum?
2. How do you think Sammy felt about being clumsy?
3. What does Sammy turn into in her bad dream?
  - (a) A noodle
  - (b) A hot dog
  - (c) A banana
4. What did Sammy make for Mum the next morning?
5. What do you think Sammy learned from her bad dream?  
How do you think you would feel if you were Sammy?

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Passionate about books from a very young age, Shalini Vallepur received the award of Norfolk County Scholar for her outstanding grades. Later on she read English at the University of Leicester, where she stayed to complete her Modern Literature MA. Whilst at university, Shalini volunteered as a Storyteller to help children learn to read, which gave her experience and expertise in the way children pick up and retain information. She used her knowledge and her background and implemented them in the 32 books that she has written for BookLife Publishing. Shalini's writing easily takes us to different worlds, and the serenity and quality of her words are sure to captivate any child who picks up her books.

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