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I Pick Zack!



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“Nat can pick a dog,”
said Mom.

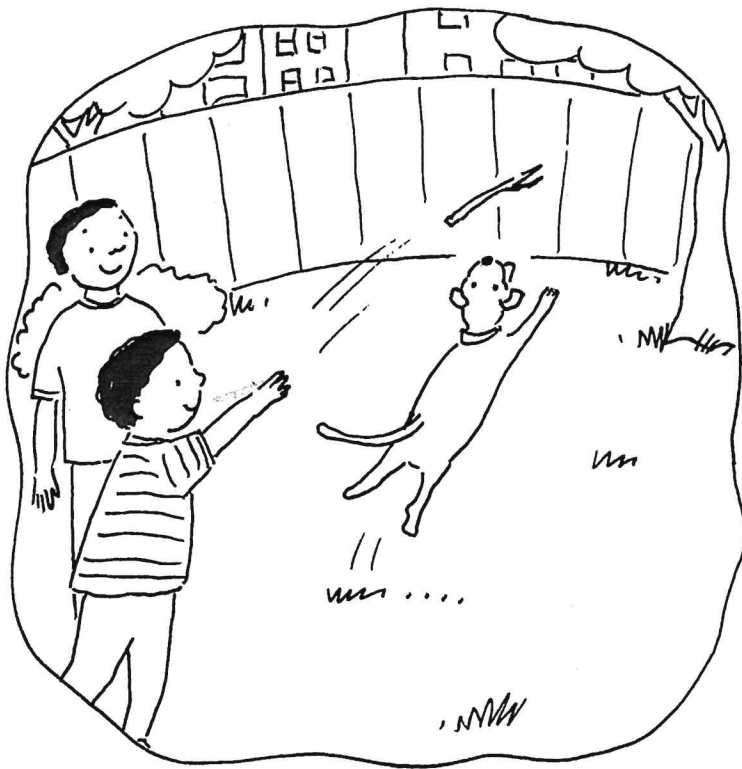
Nat picks a big, black dog.



Nat grins at the black dog.
Nat's dog is Zack.



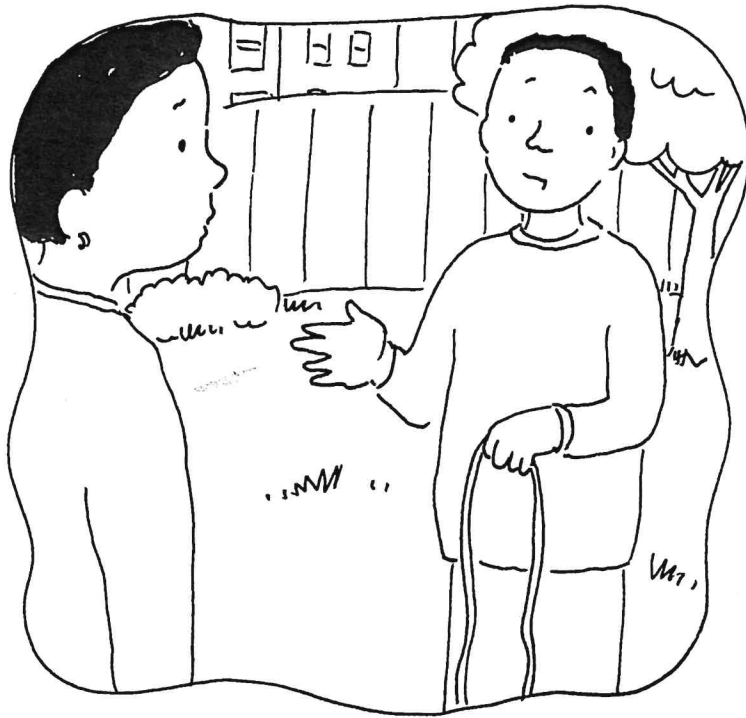
Zack is Nat's best friend.
Can Zack help Nat spell? No!



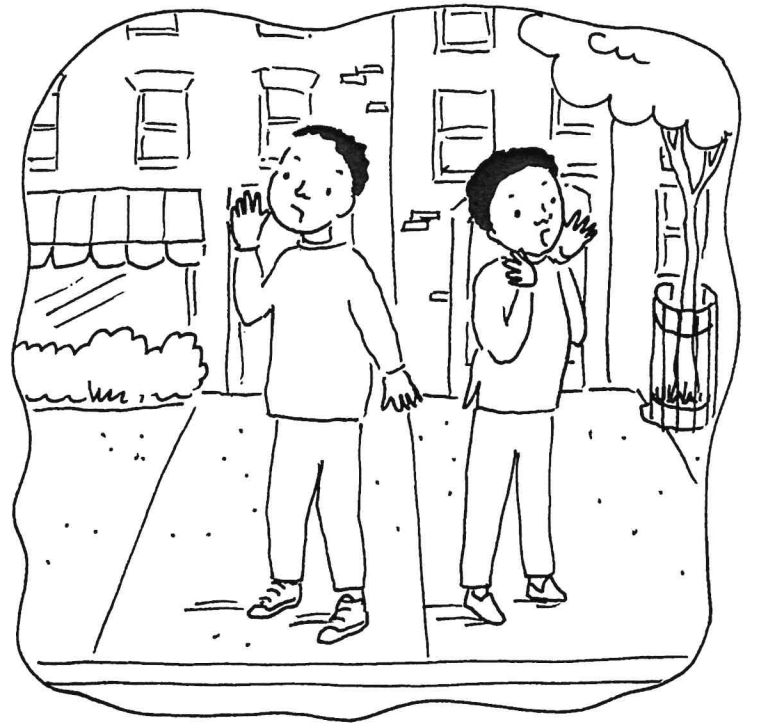
Nat can toss a stick.
Zack gets the stick fast.



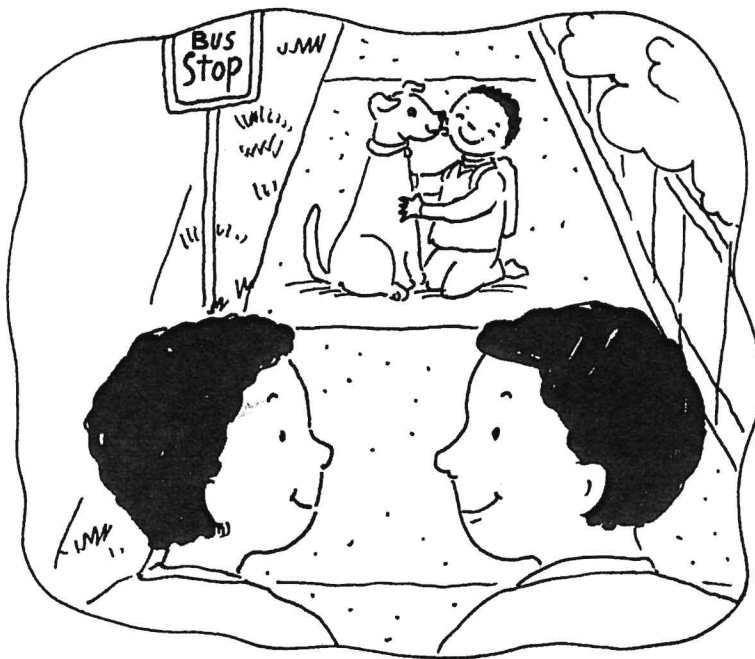
"I am off!" said Nat.
"You can not go," he said
to Zack.



“Zack ran off,” said Dad.
“Can I get him back?”



“Help me get the dog back,”
said Dad.
“Zack! Zack!” Mom said.



“Nat is back,” said Dad.

“Zack is the best dog,”

Mom said.

The End

Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. Who is Nat's best friend?
2. Where did Nat and his parents get Zack?
3. Where does Nat go when he leaves Zack?
4. Why does Zack run to the bus stop?

Answers: 1. his dog Zack 2. Possible answer: at the dog pound 3. Possible answer: to school 4. to meet Nat

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