



Story sheet

Sam moves away

It was the summer term and Harold and his friend Sam were planning all the things they were going to do together in the summer holiday.

They wrote all their ideas on a piece of paper:

- Build Lego models
- Play in the park
- Go swimming
- Build a den
- Go for a ride on their bikes
- Go to the cinema

“I can’t wait for the summer holidays,” said Sam, “We’re going to have such great fun.”

[What sort of things do you enjoy doing in the holidays with your friends?]

[Why is it important to spend time with friends?]

[What sort of things do you like to do when you don’t have a friend around to play with?]

When Harold got home he told his mum and dad about his and Sam’s plans. “That sounds great,” said Harold’s dad, “It’s so good that you’ve got Sam to play with especially as your friends Kiki and Derek will be away on holiday.”

But when Harold came in to school the next morning, Sam looked really upset. He even looked like he might have been crying.

[Why do you think Sam was looking upset?]

[If a friend is looking upset what is the best thing to do?]

“What’s wrong?” asked Harold.

“Oh, it’s terrible,” said Sam, “Mum has got a new job and we’re going to have to move away at the start of the summer holidays.”

“Where are you going?” asked Harold.

“Mum said it was a long way away and it would take over four hours to drive there,” said Sam, “We won’t even be able to meet up at the weekends.”



**[What words would describe how Sam and Harold feel?]
[Who do you think was more upset –Sam or Harold?]**

Harold was really upset as well. All day he and Sam talked about all the great things they had planned to do and now they wouldn't be able to do any of them. It was a very sad day.

At last the day came for Sam to leave. Harold went to say goodbye to him. "I hope you're really happy in your new house," he said, "And that you make lots of new friends."

"There'll never be another friend like you, Harold," said Sam, "And hopefully we can keep in touch."

As Sam's parents drove off Harold felt really glum. He waved and waved until the car had gone down the road and round the corner.

**[How would it feel to say goodbye to a friend?]
[In what ways could Harold and Sam keep in touch?]**

A week later Harold's dad said he could call Sam on Skype. Harold was very excited. And when he spoke to Sam he was even more excited. "Mum says she needs to come down to the area with work for a few days and that I can come and stay with you while she's working!" said Sam.

Harold was delighted and they spent the rest of the conversation talking about all the things they would do when Sam came to visit.

**[What words would describe how Harold and Sam felt when they heard this news?]
[When someone moves away does that mean we have to stop being their friend?]
[How can someone still be a friend to someone who has moved away?]**

Sam and Harold agreed that they would always be friends and that they would keep in contact in any way they could. Even if they couldn't meet up to play they could still talk on the phone or the computer and that way they could stay friends for a long time to come.