

# Tam and Tad



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# Letter sound /t/

Green Words (Phonetic):

am

Tad

mad

sat

Tam

Matt

Red Words (Sight):

I

was

Practice reading these sentences.

Tad sat.

Sad Sam sat.

Matt was  .  
happy

Sad Sam has two friends. Here they are.



I am Tad.

I am Sad Sam.

I am Tam.

One day, Matt tried to teach Sad Sam and his friends to sit. He said to all the dogs, "Sit." Did they *all* sit?



Tad sat.



"Good, Tad," Matt said. Then Matt said, "Tam, sit." Did Tam sit?



Tad sat.

Matt said, "Not you, Tad. Please, Tam, sit." Did Tam sit this time?



Sad Sam sat.

Matt said, "Not *you*, Sad Sam! You try it again, Tad. Tad, please sit." Did Tad sit?



Tam sat.

Sad Sam sat.

Matt was mad.

"Oh, no," said Matt. "I give up."



Matt was sad.

What happened next?




Tad sat.

Tam sat.

Sad Sam sat.

Matt was so excited, he had to tell his dad. He said:



Dad! Dad! I am  .  
happy  
Sad Sam sat.  
Tam sat.  
Tad sat.



1. Did Tad and Tam sit?

yes      no

2. Was Matt mad?

yes      no

3. Was Sad Sam  ?

happy

yes      no

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