

Literacy activity - 1.7.20

Today we are going to be reading a short story by Sue Cove. You can either read the story on the next page or listen to the story at: <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/max/s-FEjkqo3nza0>

You should

Listen to or read the story and then talk about what happened at the beginning, middle and end. Then ask your child the following comprehension questions:

- Have you ever been on a walk? Where did you go? What did you see?
- What sounds did Max hear at the beach?
- Why do you think he swam round and round?
- How many sticks did Max find? What were they like?
- Do you think Max had a favourite stick?
- Tell me how Max felt when he got home? How do you know?
- Do you know any other stories where someone goes for a walk?

You could

Draw a picture of Max on his morning walk. Think about where he is and what kind of stick he found there. On the third page there is a frame for you to use if you want or you could draw your picture on a piece of paper.

Max's Morning Walk

(As you listen to my story, think about - where I go and what sort of sticks I find.)

Once upon a time, there was a black Labrador called Max who lived on the edge of a small town with his family.



Early one Spring morning, Max woke up and thought to himself, "I'd like to go for a walk and collect some sticks." So, he barked and he barked and he barked until he had woken everyone in the house!

As soon as Max had his harness fastened, his family opened the door, stepped outside and set off on their walk. The sun shone down from a bright, blue sky and birds sang up above in the trees. Max's nose twitched with excitement as he sniffed the fresh air.



First, Max walked on a path near a canal. As he was walking, he saw a brown stick. Not too big, not too small but just right! "This looks a good stick," thought Max. So, he picked it up and continued on his way.



Next, Max walked along beside the canal until he came to a stone bridge. Max walked under the bridge where he found another stick. Not too heavy, not too light but just right! "This looks a grand stick," thought Max. So, he picked it up and continued on his way.

After that, Max walked on and on until he came to a deep, dark wood. There he found another stick that was not too tickly, not too prickly. Unfortunately, it was an extremely long stick! Luckily, the path was very wide. 'This looks a fun stick', thought Max so he picked it up and continued on his way.

Finally, Max arrived at the beach where noisy seagulls swooped. He was feeling so hot that he jumped into the sea to cool down. Splash! Max swam round and round and round until he found another stick, floating in the sea. Not too straight, not too bendy but just right! "This looks an unusual stick," thought Max so he grabbed it and swam to the shore.



At last, Max and his family returned home. What a very long walk I've had, thought Max and look how many sticks I found! Max yawned. He curled up in his bed, closed his eyes and fell fast asleep dreaming of his next adventure.

