Jelly

Max and the Muddy Puddle

LITTLE READERS




Max wakes in the park.
Pip is waiting nearby.
It is a perfect day to play!


The friends run through the grass.
Flowers nod in the breeze.
Max races ahead of Pip.


Soon they find a puddle.
Max stops at the muddy edge.
"Look at that!" he says.


Max peers into the water.
Two faces look back at him.
Pip giggles at their reflections.


Max sniffs the puddle.
The mud smells cool and wet.
Pip watches from the grass.

Max leaps into the air.

"Here I go!" he calls.

Pip takes a little step back.



Splash! Mud flies everywhere.

Max lands with a happy bounce.

Pip blinks in surprise.



Max looks at his muddy paws.
Brown spots cover his fur.
"That was fun!" he says.



Pip comes closer to Max.

She has something to say.

But Max is ready to jump again.



"Wait, Max!" says Pip.

"You are getting very muddy."

Max gives his tail a wag.



Max takes another big leap.

Pip stands beside the puddle.

She does not move away in time.



Splash! Mud lands on Pip.

It dots her ears and fur.

Pip stares down at the mess.



Pip looks sad and quiet.

Max sees what he has done.

His happy smile fades.



"I am sorry," says Max.
"I did not mean to splash you."
Pip looks up at her friend.



Max spots a stream nearby.

"We can wash in there," he says.

Pip follows him to the water.



The friends reach the stream.

The water is clear and cool.

They step in carefully.



They wash their muddy paws.

The water carries the mud away.

Max helps Pip get clean.



Pip washes her long ears.

"That feels better!" she says.

Max is glad to see her smile.



Max gives a great big shake.
Drops of water fly into the air.
This time, Pip is ready!



Soon their fur is clean again.

"Thank you," says Pip.

"Let us play something else."



Max sees a bright red ball.

It is lying in the grass.

He has an idea for a game.



Max rolls the ball to Pip.

Pip taps it back to him.

Back and forth it goes.



The friends chase the ball.

They run as fast as they can.

The ball rolls ahead of them.



The ball rolls down a hill.

"Come back!" calls Max.

But the ball keeps going.



The ball rolls near a bush.
Max and Pip hurry after it.
Where will it stop?



They look among the leaves.
Pip sees a little flash of red.
"There it is!" she says.



Max stretches out his paw.

He tries to reach the ball.

But it is too far away.



Max reaches in again.

The ball will not move.

"I cannot get it," he says.



"Let me try," says Pip.
"I am smaller than you."
Max steps back to give her room.



Pip reaches under the bush.

She is close to the ball now.

Max watches and waits.



Pip pulls the ball out.

"You did it!" says Max.

Pip holds it up for him.



"Thank you for helping me,"
says Max. Pip smiles.
Friends can help each other.



The friends play with the ball.

They push it back and forth.

Now they stay away from the hill.



Max and Pip race again.

Pip hops over the grass.

Max runs right beside her.



At last they stop to rest.

The flowers smell sweet.

What a busy day it has been!



The sky turns orange and pink.

Max and Pip watch the sun set.

It is almost time to go home.



The park grows quiet.

The friends sit side by side.

The sky glows above them.



Pip waves to Max.

"Goodbye!" she calls.

"See you soon," says Max.



Max walks home slowly.

He thinks about his friend.

He is glad they played together.



Max remembers the muddy day.

He remembers Pip helping him.

What a good friend she is!




Who plays with Max?
What do the friends find?
Tell the story in your own words.

Why does Pip get muddy?
How does she feel?
Look at her face.



What does Max say to Pip?
How does he help her?
What would you say?



Where do the friends wash?
What happens to the mud?
Find the stream in the picture.



Where does the ball go?
Why can Max not get it?
Point to the bush.



How does Pip help Max?
What does Max say to her?
Tell a friend.



What happens first, next,
and at the end?
Use the pictures to help you.



How do Max and Pip help
each other in the story?
How can you help a friend?



The End

