Jelly

The Door That Squeaks

LITTLE READERS



Ben walks down the hall.
Max trots beside him.
They are going to play.



Ben opens the wooden door.

It moves very slowly.

Then he hears a sound.



Squeak! The door makes a noise.

It is a long, funny sound.

Ben stops and listens.



Ben looks at the door.

"What was that?" he asks.

Max looks up at him.



Ben opens the door slowly.

Squeak! There is the sound again.

Ben holds the door still.



Max tilts his little head.
He hears the sound, too.
His ears flop to one side.



Ben closes the door gently.
He keeps his hand on it.
Max watches carefully.



Squeak! The door makes a noise.

"There it is again," says Ben.

Max gives a little bark.



Ben looks at the door.

He looks near the hinges.

What makes the sound?



Max sits beside Ben.
He watches the wooden door.
It is quiet when it is still.



"Mom!" calls Ben.

"Can you come and listen?"

Max waits with him.



Mom comes down the hall.
"What did you hear?" she asks.
Ben points to the door.



"The door keeps squeaking,"
Ben tells Mom.
"Listen to this!"



Mom opens the door.

Squeak! The sound comes again.

She listens carefully.



Mom smiles at Ben.
"I think the hinge needs help,"
she says.



They look at the door hinge.
It helps the door move.
"Can we fix it?" asks Ben.



Mom gets a little bottle.
She brings a cloth, too.
Ben waits by the door.



Ben holds the soft cloth.

"I can help," he says.

Max sits nearby.



Mom puts oil on the hinge.
She uses a little bit.
Ben watches from a safe spot.



Mom works carefully.

Ben holds the cloth ready.

Max watches them both.



Mom wipes away extra oil.
She puts the cloth aside.
"Let us try it," she says.



Ben opens the door gently.
He moves it very slowly.
Max listens for the sound.



The door opens without a squeak.
The hall is nice and quiet.
Ben looks at Mom.



"It is quiet now!" says Ben.

He gives a big smile.

Mom smiles back.



Ben closes the door gently.

He listens as it moves.

Will it squeak again?



Max listens very carefully.

His ears move a little.

But he hears no squeak.



The door closes quietly.

"We fixed it!" says Ben.

Max wags his tail.



Mom gives Ben a smile.
"You were a good helper,"
she tells him.



Ben opens the door again.
It moves without a sound.
"Come on, Max!" he calls.



Max walks through the doorway.
He looks back at Ben.
His tail goes swish, swish.



Ben follows Max into the room.

He leaves the door open.

Now they can play.



Mom watches her helpers.
Ben and Max look happy.
She is happy, too.



"Thank you, Mom," says Ben.

"The door is quiet now."

Mom gives him a hug.



Mom puts the supplies away.
The little bottle goes on a shelf.
Ben helps with the cloth.



Ben and Max tidy the hall.

Ben picks up his toys.

Max stays by his side.



The wooden door stands open.
The hall is neat and clean.
Ben looks at their work.



Ben sits down with a book.
He reads near the doorway.
The house is quiet and warm.



Max rests beside Ben.

He puts his head on his paws.

Ben reads another page.



Mom smiles at the friends.
"You worked hard today,"
she tells them.



Ben smiles at Mom and Max.

The squeaky door is quiet.

What a good day!



What sound does Ben hear?

Where does it come from?

Tell a friend.



What does Max do
when he hears the sound?
Look at the picture.



Who does Ben ask for help?

What does Mom listen to?

Tell the story.



What helps a door move?
What does Mom put
on the hinge?



How does Ben help Mom?

Where does Max wait?

Look at the picture.



What happens when Ben opens the door again? Does it squeak?



How does Ben feel
after the door is fixed?
What does he say?



What happens first, next,

and at the end?

Tell the story in order.



The End

