Jelly

Sam's New Friend

LITTLE READERS



Sam walks in the park.
His puppy Max trots beside him.
It is a sunny day.



Sam sees a girl by the flowers.

She is standing near the path.

Sam has not seen her before.




Sam feels a little shy.
He holds Max's leash.
The girl looks at him.

Max watches the girl, too.

His tail moves slowly.

Sam takes a little breath.



The girl sees Sam.
She stands by the flowers.
Sam looks up at her.



The girl gives Sam a smile.
It is a kind, friendly smile.
Sam feels a little better.




Sam waves his hand.
"Hello," he says.
Max stays beside him.

The girl waves back.

"Hello!" she says.

She smiles at Max, too.




"My name is Sam," he says.
"This is my puppy, Max."
Max gives a little bark.

"I am Ava," says the girl.
"It is nice to meet you."
Sam smiles at her.




Max wags his tail.
He is happy to meet Ava.
Ava waves to the puppy.

Sam and Ava smile together.

They stand by the path.

The park is bright and warm.



Ava has a red ball.

She holds it in her hands.

Sam looks at the ball.




"That is a nice ball,"
Sam tells Ava.
It is bright red.


"Would you like to play?"
Ava asks Sam.
She holds out the ball.


Sam nods his head.
"Yes, please!" he says.
He is glad Ava asked.

Ava rolls the ball to Sam.

It moves across the grass.

Sam watches it come.



Sam catches the red ball.
He picks it up carefully.
"I got it!" he says.



Sam rolls the ball back.

It goes over the soft grass.

Ava reaches for it.



Ava catches the ball.

"Your turn!" she says.

They play back and forth.



Max runs after the ball.
His ears bounce as he runs.
Sam calls to him.



Sam and Ava laugh.
Max is having fun, too.
His tail wags quickly.




The ball rolls by a bench.
It stops near the path.
Sam goes to get it.

Sam picks up the ball.
He carries it back to Ava.
"Here it is!" he says.




Ava sees a little flower.
It grows beside the path.
"Look at this," she says.

Sam looks at the flower.
It has bright yellow petals.
A bee flies nearby.



"Yellow is my favorite color,"
says Ava. "What is yours?"
Sam thinks for a moment.



"I like blue," says Sam.

"Like the sky today!"

Ava looks up and smiles.




Ava takes a little step.
Oops! She trips on the grass.
She sits down softly.

"Are you all right?" asks Sam.

He offers Ava his hand.

Max waits beside him.




"I am all right," says Ava.
She takes Sam's hand.
He helps her stand.


Ava smiles at Sam.
"Thank you for helping me."
"You are welcome," he says.


The children take a break.
Each drinks from a water bottle.
Playing can make them thirsty.

Max has some water, too.

Sam puts down his little bowl.

Max takes a drink.




Sam and Ava sit on a bench.
The ball rests beside them.
Max sits on the grass.

The sun shines in the park.

A breeze moves the flowers.

The friends feel happy.



"It is time to go," says Ava.
"I had fun playing with you."
She picks up her ball.




Sam waves goodbye.
"I had fun, too," he says.
"See you again!"

Max wags his tail at Ava.

Ava gives him a little wave.

Then she walks down the path.



Sam smiles at his puppy.

"I made a new friend today!"

Max gives a happy bark.



Where does Sam meet Ava?

Who is with Sam?

Tell a friend.



How does Sam feel
before he says hello?
Look at the picture.



What does Ava ask Sam?

What do they play with?

Tell the story.




What does Max do
when the ball rolls?
Look at the grass.

What is Ava's favorite color?

What color does Sam like?

What color do you like?

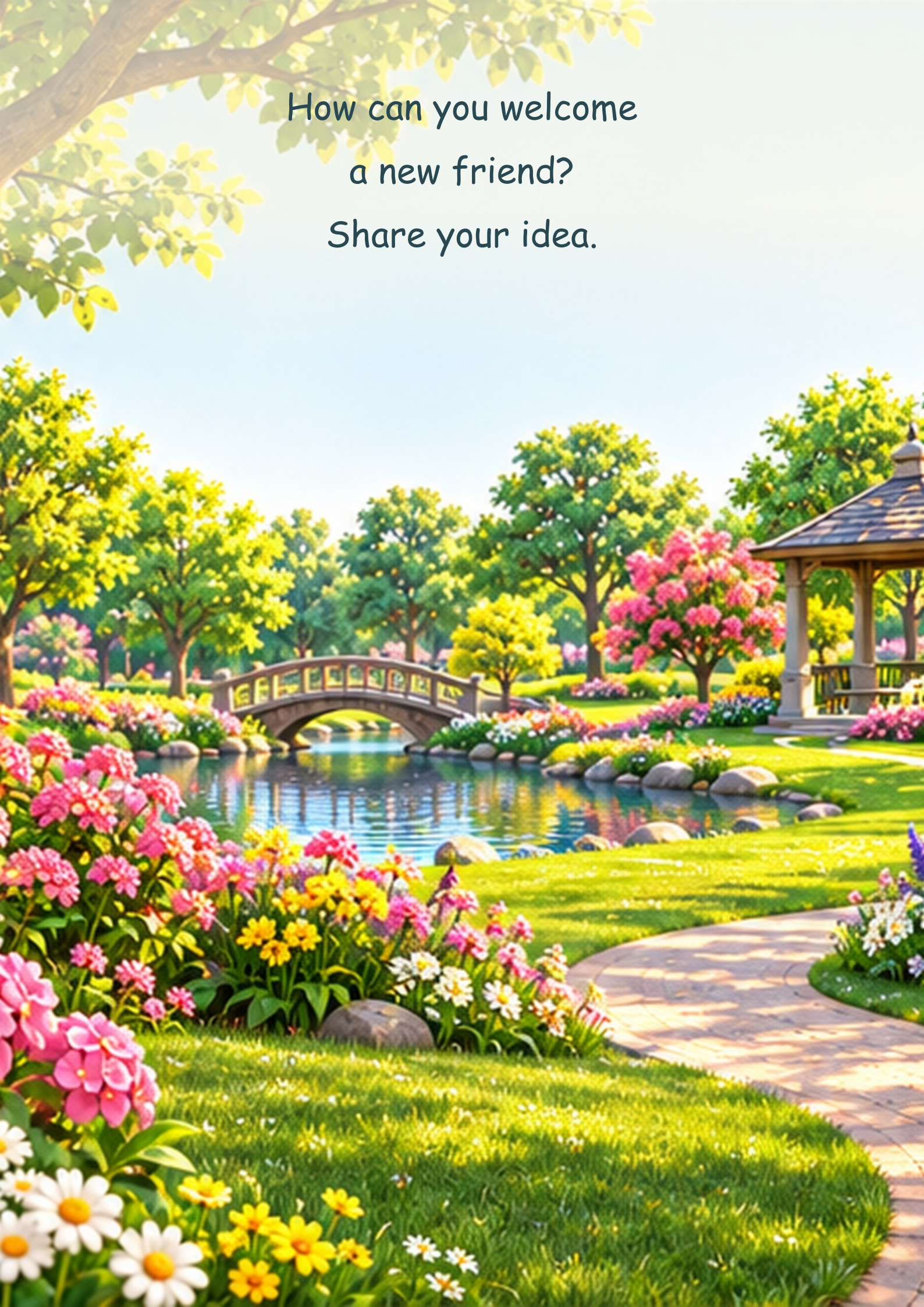


How does Sam help Ava
when she trips?
What does Ava say?




What do the friends do
before they go home?
Tell a friend.

How can you welcome
a new friend?
Share your idea.



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