



# My Busy Family

*Stories about people being too busy to spend good times together!*

## SUMMARY:

*In each of these stories, you will find one family member too busy to play and spend time with another family member as much as they need to. Simple sentences and repetitive structures help aid comprehension.*

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# Daddy is Always Working!

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Sandy was sad.  
Her daddy was her favorite person.  
She liked him a lot!  
Mom was great, too.  
Sandy still liked to play with daddy.



Daddy was always busy.  
Daddy was always working.  
He was in the office.  
He worked on a computer.  
He worked all day long.

Sometimes, Daddy came out of the office.  
He came out for breakfast.  
He came out for lunch.  
He came out for dinner.  
He came out for bedtime.

Sandy played with daddy before bed.  
They read books.  
They played with toys.  
They played pretend games.  
They ran around.

Sandy ALWAYS wanted to play with daddy.

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Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What is the girl's name?
  - A. Sandra
  - B. Sandee
  - C. Sandy
  - D. Sadie
  
2. Who is her favorite person to play with?
  - A. Mom
  - B. Dad
  - C. Brother
  - D. Sister
  
3. Why can't Sandy play with daddy?
  - A. He's busy.
  - B. He's tired.
  - C. He's sick.
  - D. He's on a trip.
  
4. Which of these is NOT a time daddy comes out of the office?
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  - B. lunch time
  - C. snack time
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5. Which of these is a way daddy plays with Sandy?
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Tommy was sad.  
His mommy was his favorite person.  
He liked her a lot, but she was busy!  
Dad was great, too.  
Tommy still liked to play with mommy.

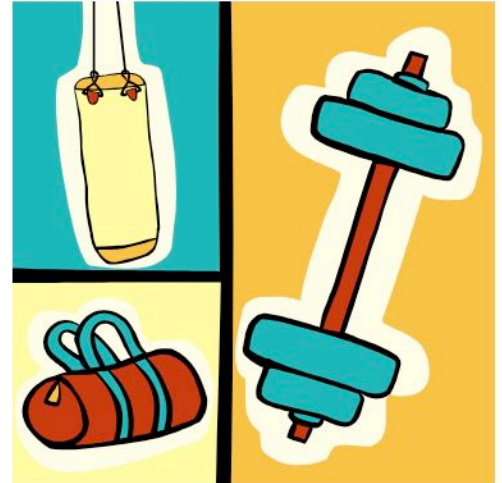
Mommy was an athlete.  
Mommy was always exercising.  
Mommy trained very carefully.

She was lifting weights.  
She was using a gym machine.  
She was doing yoga.

She ate very carefully.  
She ate fresh fruit.  
She drank protein shakes.

Tommy played with mommy before bed.  
They read books.  
They played with toys.

Tommy ALWAYS wanted to play with mommy.  
So, they started running together.  
They also played basketball.  
Tommy was happy!



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  - A. Thomas
  - B. Tom
  - C. Tommy
  - D. Timmy
  
2. Who is his favorite person to play with?
  - A. Mom
  - B. Dad
  - C. Brother
  - D. Sister
  
3. Why can't Tommy play with mommy?
  - A. She's busy.
  - B. She's tired.
  - C. She's sick.
  - D. She's on a trip.
  
4. Which of these does mommy eat?
  - A. pizza
  - B. hot dogs
  - C. hamburgers
  - D. fresh fruit
  
5. Which of these is a way mommy plays with Tommy?
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# Grandpa is Always Fishing!

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Billy was sad.  
His grandpa was his favorite person.  
He liked him a lot!  
Grandma was great, too.  
Billy still liked to play with grandpa.

Grandpa was always busy.  
Grandpa was always fishing.  
He was on his boat fishing.  
He was working on the boat.  
He was getting the boat ready!

Sometimes, Grandpa stopped fishing.  
He had to do yard work.  
He had to help out grandma.  
He had to eat and sleep, too!

Billy played with grandpa on the weekend.  
They read books.  
They watched baseball games.  
They even went fishing!  
They threw a football.

Billy ALWAYS wanted to play with grandpa.  
He decided to try more fishing.  
Then they could spend more time together.





# Grandpa is Always Fishing!

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What is the boy's name?
  - A. Willie
  - B. Billy
  - C. Bill
  - D. William
2. Who is his favorite person to play with?
  - A. Mom
  - B. Dad
  - C. Grandma
  - D. Grandpa
3. Why can't Billy play with grandpa?
  - A. He's fishing.
  - B. He's tired.
  - C. He's sick.
  - D. He's on a trip.
4. Which of these is a way grandpa plays with Billy?
  - A. watching baseball
  - B. cooking
  - C. dancing
  - D. hunting
5. What does Billy decide to do to spend more time with Grandpa?
  - A. go swimming
  - B. live at grandpa's house
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# Brother is Always Playing Games!

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Benny was sad.  
His brother was his favorite person.  
He liked him a lot!  
Sis was great, too.  
Benny still liked to play with his brother.



His brother was always busy.  
His brother was always playing games.  
His brother played card games with friends.  
His brother played video games.  
His brother played games on his phone, too!

Sometimes, Benny's brother stopped playing games.  
His brother had to eat.  
His brother had to sleep.  
His brother had to go to school.  
His brother had to do chores.

Mom made his brother stop playing games sometimes.  
Then Benny got to play with his brother.  
They played hide-and-seek.  
They played with action figures.  
They played pretend games.

Benny ALWAYS wanted to play with his brother.  
His brother was so cool!

## Brother is Always Playing Games!

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What is the boy's name?
  - A. Ben
  - B. Danny
  - C. Benny
  - D. Lenny
2. Who is his favorite person to play with?
  - A. Mom
  - B. Dad
  - C. Brother
  - D. Sister
3. Why can't Benny play with his brother?
  - A. He's working.
  - B. He's at school.
  - C. He's always playing games.
  - D. He's sick.
4. Which of these is NOT one of the things Benny's brother does when not playing games?
  - A. Do chores
  - B. Go to school
  - C. Eat
  - D. Drive a car
5. Which of these is a way Benny's brother plays with him?
  - A. hide-and-peek
  - B. playing cards
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# Sister is Always Talking on the Phone!

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Amy was lonely.  
Her big sister was her favorite person.  
She liked her a lot!  
Her brother was great, too.  
Amy still liked to play with her sister the most.

Her sister was always busy.  
Her sister was always talking on the phone.  
Her sister talked on the phone with friends.  
Her sister texted with friends.  
Her sister sent pictures on the phone to her friends.

Sometimes, Amy's sister stopped talking on the phone.  
Her sister had to eat.  
Her sister had to sleep.  
Her sister had to go to school.  
Her sister had to do chores.

Mom made her sister stop using the phone sometimes.  
Then Amy got to play with her big sister.  
They played dress up games.  
They did each other's hair.  
They read books.  
They went for walks!

Amy ALWAYS wanted to play with her sister.  
She wanted to be just like her sister when she grew up, but on the phone less.



# Sister is Always Talking on the Phone!

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

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1. What is the girl's name?
  - A. Annie
  - B. Anny
  - C. Amy
  - D. Amie
2. Who is her favorite person to play with?
  - A. Mom
  - B. Dad
  - C. Brother
  - D. Sister
3. Why can't Amy play with her sister?
  - A. She's sleeping.
  - B. She's on the phone.
  - C. She's studying.
  - D. She's mean.
4. Which of these is NOT one of the things Amy's sister does when not playing games?
  - A. Do chores
  - B. Cook
  - C. Eat
  - D. Sleep
5. Which of these is a way Amy's big sister plays with her?
  - A. hide-and-peek
  - B. playing sports
  - C. going for walks
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# My Dog is Always Sleeping!

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Rob was lonely.  
Peanut, was his favorite pet to play with.  
He liked his dog a lot.  
His cat was okay, too.  
Rob still liked to play with his dog the most.



Peanut was always sleeping.  
He took a lot of naps.  
He took one after a walk.  
He took one after a meal.  
He went to sleep at night, too!

Sometimes, Peanut woke up.  
He had to go outside.  
He had to eat.  
When dad came home, Peanut woke up, too.  
Peanut always said hi to dad.

Rob got Peanut to play sometimes.  
Peanut could catch a ball.  
Peanut could fetch a bone.  
Peanut could run really fast!

Rob always wanted to play with Peanut.  
Mom said he needed his rest.  
Peanut was an old dog!

# My Dog is Always Sleeping!

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What is the boy's name?
  - A. Rob
  - B. Robbie
  - C. Todd
  - D. Bob
2. Who is his favorite pet to play with?
  - A. the fish
  - B. the dog
  - C. the cat
  - D. the horse
3. Why can't Rob play with his dog?
  - A. He's sick.
  - B. He's outside.
  - C. He ran away.
  - D. He is sleeping.
4. Which of these is NOT one of the things Peanut does when he's not sleeping?
  - A. go outside
  - B. eat
  - C. dance
  - D. say hi to dad
5. Which of these is a way Rob plays with Peanut?
  - A. hide-and-peek
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# My Cat is Always Hiding!

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Kara was lonely.  
Whiskers, was her favorite pet to play with.  
She liked her cat a lot.  
Her dog was okay, too.  
Kara still liked to play with her dog the most.



Whiskers was always hiding!  
She hid in the closets.  
She hid under the bushes.  
She hid in the basement.  
She hid in the attic.  
She hid under the bed!

Sometimes, Whiskers came out.  
She had to eat.  
She had to go outside.  
She liked a few moments of petting, too.

Kara got Whiskers to play sometimes.  
Whiskers would chase a feather.  
Whiskers liked a chin rub.  
Whiskers liked a back scratch.

Kara always wanted to play with Whiskers.  
Dad said Whiskers was a moody cat.  
Cats only do what they want!

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Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What is the girl's name?
  - A. Kira
  - B. Kara
  - C. Cara
  - D. Clara
2. Who is her favorite pet to play with?
  - A. the fish
  - B. the dog
  - C. the cat
  - D. the horse
3. Why can't Kara play with her dog?
  - A. She's hiding.
  - B. She's outside.
  - C. She ran away.
  - D. She is sleeping.
4. Which of these is NOT one of the things Whiskers does when she's not sleeping?
  - A. go outside
  - B. eating
  - C. get petted
  - D. fight the dog
5. Which of these is a way Kara plays with Whiskers?
  - A. back scratches
  - B. go for walks
  - C. catch a ball
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James was sad.  
His Grandma was his favorite person.  
He liked her a lot!  
Grandpa was great, too.  
James still liked to play with Grandma.

Grandma was always busy sewing.  
Grandma sewed curtains.  
Grandma sewed clothes.  
Grandma sewed dresses.  
Grandma fixed ripped clothes!

Sometimes, Grandma stopped sewing.  
She had to do housework.  
She had to call her best friend.  
She had to help out grandpa.  
She had to go shopping.

James played with Grandma on the weekend.  
They read books.  
Grandma told him stories from long ago.  
Grandma fixed James' favorite foods.

James ALWAYS wanted to play with Grandma.  
He decided to try to learn to sew.  
Then they could spend more time together.



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  - A. Josh
  - B. John
  - C. Jacob
  - D. James
2. Who is his favorite person to play with?
  - A. Mom
  - B. Dad
  - C. Grandma
  - D. Grandma
3. Why can't James play with Grandma?
  - A. She's cooking.
  - B. She's tired.
  - C. She's sick.
  - D. She's sewing.
4. Which of these is a way Grandma plays with James?
  - A. hiking
  - B. cooking his favorite foods
  - C. throwing a football
  - D. going swimming
5. What does James decide to do to spend more time with Grandma?
  - A. learn to cook
  - B. live at Grandma's house
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