Twins and siblings on one reading log

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One reading log for twins and siblings on one device: an animal each, one tap for a book read together, each child's own week to print, and no comparing.

On Peabody's family reading log, each child picks an animal face, a book read together is logged for all of them in one tap, and each child's week prints on its own sheet, so twins in two classes, or three children of three ages, can share one tablet and one log without anyone typing their name. It counts books first, adds minutes only for a school that asks, and keeps every entry on the device. The family log is free, like the rest of Peabody through the end of 2026, with no account.

For parents of more than one reader, the hard part is often the paperwork, not the reading. Two logs from two teachers, a read-aloud that has to be written out three times, and an app that only works for one child. This is how the family log handles each of those.

An animal each, not a name

The first time the log opens, Peabody asks who's reading and the child picks an animal: a frog, a fox, a bear, a bunny, a panda, a turtle, a lion, an octopus or a hedgehog. Each sibling taps the + and picks their own from the ones still free, up to six readers on one device. The animals are shared with Peabody's reading challenges, so the fox is the fox everywhere on that device.

No child types anything, and there is nowhere to put a name. On a printed sheet, the line beside the animal is left blank for you to write the name by hand.

One book, read together, logged once

The bedtime story read to all three counts for all three. On the log, Read together? opens the other faces; tap the ones who were listening, then log the book once. Peabody adds an entry for each child, marked as read together, so each child's week shows it and each child's printed log lists it.

The same goes for twins reading the same chapter book side by side, or a car journey with an audiobook, if your school counts listening. One tap, every reader.

Each child at their own level

When a child logs a book, the first shelf they see is Peabody's free stories nearest their own level, from the library, set by the age box they tapped once (5 to 7, 8 to 10, or 11 and up). A six-year-old sees short stories with pictures; a ten-year-old sees longer ones. They can also log a book from a kids' list, a series, or a book from home whose title a grown-up types after a

two-second hold.

The last three books each child logged sit at the top as "Read one again?", so a favourite read again on another night is one tap.

Two classes, two kinds of log

Twins in different classes often bring home different logs. One teacher wants titles and a signature; the other wants a line about the story. The family log prints each child's week or month separately, and you choose the sheet each time:

- Just the log: each day, what was read, a minutes column, and the week's total.
- A line to sum up: the same, with a column for "In one line, what happened?"
- A question a day: for grades 2 to 5, a short question beside each day, such as "What goes wrong?" or "Who would like this book? Why?"

Each of those prints with or without a signature line. So one twin's sheet can go back with a signature and the other's with a question a day, from the same log.

If one school asks for minutes and the other doesn't, minutes are typed by a grown-up behind the hold, for whichever child needs them. Books count on their own; minutes are never needed.

Filling it in on a Sunday

Very few families with three children log every night. The log shows a week of days to tap, and any day back to a year ago can be filled in. A weekly catch-up on Sunday evening, with each child telling you what they read, is enough. If a book was read together on Tuesday, pick Tuesday and log it once for everyone.

Each child has their own streak, with one grace day a week, so a missed Wednesday doesn't break it. A streak shows from two days in a row, and a missed day never gets a message.

No comparing, on purpose

There is no screen that puts the siblings side by side, and no total for the family that ranks anyone. Each child sees their own week, their own streak and their own bookshelf. That matters most for twins, who get compared enough already, and for a younger child next to a fast older reader. A five-year-old's twenty picture books and a twelve-year-old's three long novels are both a good month.

If they want a shared goal, a challenge does that better than a comparison: a summer or year challenge with a finish line for each age, so each child is racing only their own shelf. For the under-fives, A Thousand Read-Alouds counts the same board book every time it's read.

What to know before you rely on it

- It is separate, not secret. Anyone holding the tablet can tap any animal. That is fine for a log, but it is not a diary.
- It stays on this device. Nothing a child logs is sent to Peabody; Peabody hears only that the log was used or printed. A second device starts empty, unless a grown-up saves a file behind the hold and opens it there.
- Clearing the browser clears the log. Save a file now and then, or print the month.
- Six readers per device. A seventh needs a second device, or paper.

The guide to siblings on one device lists exactly what is stored for each animal.

Questions parents ask

Can twins log the same book on the same night?

Yes. Tap Read together?, pick the other twin, and log the book once: each twin gets their own entry for it.

Can I take one child's entries off without touching the others?

Yes. Each entry on a child's day has a ? that takes it off for that child only. Behind the grown-up hold, one reader's whole log can be cleared without changing anyone else's.

Does each child get their own printed log?

Yes. Each child's week or month prints on its own sheet, with their animal at the top and a blank line for their name.

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