Free family stories for kids

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Peabody has 56 free family stories for kids, about parents, brothers and sisters, and life at home. They run from levels 0 to 18 and each opens at once with no sign-up. The table shows every story's level and length, so a grown-up can pick one that fits the reader. Free through the end of 2026.

- Story: Dad Naps · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 22
- Story: Sip, Sip, Sip · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 20
- Story: Pat, Pat, Pat · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 31
- Story: A Dim Man · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 30
- Story: A Tan Map · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 30
- Story: Tap in the Dim · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 33
- Story: Sid Sat · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 24
- Story: Tim Taps · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 31
- Story: Tim in a Tin · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 40
- Story: Get Up, Gus! · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 34
- Story: Jen and the Jam · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 24
- Story: Pup in the Tub · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 31
- Story: Rat's Hut · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 44
- Story: Zed and the Rug · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 41
- Story: Stop, Dad! · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 45
- Story: A Hum in the Hall · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 61
- Story: Ring the Bell · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 38
- Story: Seth and the Ship · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 62
- Story: Chip and the Shell · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 43
- Story: Not Yet, Ted · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 59
- Story: Big Prints in the Hall · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 56
- Story: Lou and the Snow Dad · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 81
- Story: A Boo for Bea · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 83
- Story: Nell's Loose Tooth · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 54
- Story: The Tall Thin Man · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 68
- Story: The Roar in the Cupboard · Level: Level 5 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 110
- Story: The Moon Follows Me · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 171
- Story: Ruby and the Rainy Picnic · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 153
- Story: The Scarecrow Moves · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 187
- Story: The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Classic · Words: 311

- Story: The Hen Parade · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 414
- Story: The Floor With No Number · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 255
- Story: Be My Robot · Level: Level 7 · Kind: True story · Words: 400
- Story: Tom Thumb · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 804
- Story: Goodbye, Waffles · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,121
- Story: Water Uphill · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,224
- Story: The Boxcar Children · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,395
- Story: Complaints Department · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,329
- Story: Where Words Grow · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,014
- Story: Odo Gets Measured Up · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,215
- Story: Blue Wall, Yellow Wall · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 872
- Story: Side Out · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,573
- Story: King Midas and the Golden Touch · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,074
- Story: The Deep End of Carrowglen · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,993
- Story: The Girl Who Checked the Arithmetic · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,197
- Story: Hua Mulan · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,817
- Story: The Tuning Fork Door · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,978
- Story: Heidi · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,529
- Story: The Thirteenth Stop · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,630
- Story: Salt and Syllables · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,893
- Story: The Year After the Fire · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,840
- Story: The Swiss Family Robinson · Level: Level 14 · Kind: Classic · Words: 2,120
- Story: The Man with the Twisted Lip · Level: Level 15 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,523
- Story: Little Women · Level: Level 15 · Kind: Classic · Words: 2,213
- Story: The Clock That Lost Time · Level: Level 16 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 2,059
- Story: Pride and Prejudice · Level: Level 18 · Kind: Classic · Words: 2,056

Picking one for your child

Every story here is sorted by Peabody's reading level, which is worked out from the text and never from the child. A lower level means shorter sentences and easier words, so start where your child can read about half of a story alone and read the rest together. If it is too hard, go down a level. If they race through it, go up.

For the youngest readers

25 are at levels 0 to 4: Dad Naps, Sip, Sip, Sip, Pat, Pat, Pat, A Dim Man, A Tan Map, Tap in the Dim and more. These suit a child just learning to read, or a grown-up reading aloud.

For growing readers

12 are at levels 5 to 9: The Roar in the Cupboard, The Moon Follows Me, Ruby and the Rainy Picnic, The Scarecrow Moves, The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, The Hen Parade and more. Longer stories, with more going on in each one.

For confident readers

19 are at levels 10 to 18: Complaints Department, Where Words Grow, Odo Gets Measured Up, Blue Wall, Yellow Wall, Side Out, King Midas and the Golden Touch and more. These are for children who read chapters and longer passages on their own.

Reading them together

A grown-up can read any of these aloud from a phone or tablet, one page at a time, and a child who reads can take over. Where a device can speak, the story page has a Read to me button that reads each page aloud in the device's own voice. Every story page has a Print link too, if you would rather read on paper.

More free stories

- The whole library: free stories by reading level, no account needed.
- Classic stories retold short: fables, fairy tales, myths and legends.
- Free friendship stories for kids
- Free short bedtime stories for kids
- Free beginning reader books for kids just learning to read
- Free moral stories for kids
- By level: Level 0 · Level 1 · Level 2 · Level 3 · Level 4 · Level 5 · Level 6 · Level 7 · Level 8 · Level 9 · Level 10 · Level 11 · Level 12 · Level 13 · Level 14 · Level 15 · Level 16 · Level 18

Questions parents ask

What reading level are these family stories?

They run across levels 0 to 18. Peabody works each level out from the story's text: how long the sentences are, how many words fit on a screen and how common the words are. The table shows the level of every story, so you can pick a lower or a higher one.

Are any of these stories scary?

None carries a mark above gentle, and none is on the scary stories shelf. The short description on each story's page says what it covers, so read it first if your child is sensitive.

Do the stories cost anything?

No. Every story on this page is free to read through the end of 2026, with no account and no card.

Free at peabody.kids/family-stories-for-kids