Free friendship stories for kids

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Peabody has 84 free friendship stories for kids, about making friends, being kind and getting along. 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: Pit, Pat · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 18
- Story: Pat, Pat, Pat · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 31
- Story: Did It · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 25
- Story: Pam Pins a Map · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 31
- Story: A Web on the Bed · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 46
- Story: Rat's Hut · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 44
- Story: Fox and the Hen · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 37
- Story: Tab Can Not Nap · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 52
- Story: Jump, Jump, Jump! · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 63
- Story: A Bun for Fran · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 47
- Story: Stop, Bus! · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 40
- Story: The Black Cat · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 67
- Story: The Plum · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 57
- Story: Ring the Bell · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 38
- Story: Fish in a Dish · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 44
- Story: A Nest on the Hill · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 60
- Story: A Cat and a Dog · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 61
- Story: Mop Is Sad · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 73
- Story: Goat and the Boat · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 75
- Story: Lion and Mouse · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Classic · Words: 56
- Story: The Ghost in the Yard · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 69
- Story: Pim and the Mitten · Level: Level 5 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 208
- Story: The Monster Who Could Not Sleep · Level: Level 5 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 98
- Story: Scratch at the Tent · Level: Level 5 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 95
- Story: Piccola · Level: Level 5 · Kind: Classic · Words: 170
- Story: Mia and the Kite · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 236
- Story: The Little Lantern · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 167
- Story: Duck Says Sorry · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 276
- Story: Muskrat Is Grumpy · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 253
- Story: Newt Is Nervous · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 323

• Story: Heron Feels Left Out · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 277
• Story: The Moon's Night Off · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 344
• Story: The Christmas Cuckoo · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Classic · Words: 392
• Story: Eeyore's Birthday · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 815
• Story: Lulu the Lanternfish Lights Up · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 687
• Story: Priya Moves Away · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 839
• Story: The Elves and the Shoemaker · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 650
• Story: Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 557
• Story: The North Wind and the Sun · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 520
• Story: Winnie-the-Pooh and the Bees · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 741
• Story: Biscuit and Ask, Wait, Stroke · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 900
• Story: Bracken Keeps the Hill · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,436
• Story: Cinderella · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,069
• Story: The Frog Prince · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,170
• Story: The Monkey and the Crocodile · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 838
• Story: The Magic Paintbrush · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,029
• Story: Snow White and Rose Red · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 889
• Story: Tam and the Wind-Up Tractor · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,148
• Story: The Elevator Plan · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,065
• Story: The Cat That Walked by Himself · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,069
• Story: Complaints Department · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,329
• Story: Thistle Counts the Tides · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,167
• Story: The Beginning of the Armadillos · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,137
• Story: Eye Patch Year · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 976
• Story: Field Guide to Room 214 · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 929
• Story: Where Words Grow · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,014
• Story: Urashima Taro · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,191
• Story: Baucis and Philemon · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,367
• Story: The Snow Fort Treaty · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,606
• Story: Yeh-Shen · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,147
• Story: Beauty and the Beast · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,283
• Story: Thumbelina · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,676
• Story: The Year of the Split Friendship · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,153
• Story: The Haunting of Bench Seven · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,355

- Story: The Lost and Found Desk · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,289
- Story: Four Flights Up · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,642
- Story: Big Night at Spade Pond · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 2,240
- Story: Lunch Behind the Atlases · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 994
- Story: The Reluctant Dragon · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 2,133
- Story: The Selfish Giant · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,396
- Story: The Wind in the Willows · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,818
- Story: A Word of Welsh · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,931
- Story: Nausicaa and the Stranger · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,214
- Story: Heidi · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,529
- Story: The Happy Prince · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,778
- Story: The Secret Garden · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,798
- Story: Black Beauty · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,883
- Story: Robinson Crusoe · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,438
- Story: Tom Sawyer and the Fence · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,625
- Story: Don Quixote and the Windmills · Level: Level 14 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,560
- Story: Little Women · Level: Level 15 · Kind: Classic · Words: 2,213
- Story: Androcles and the Lion · Level: Level 15 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,501
- Story: The Bishop's Candlesticks · Level: Level 16 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,972
- Story: The Junkyard Orchestra · Level: Level 18 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 2,386

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

21 are at levels 0 to 4: Pit, Pat, Pat, Pat, Pat, Did It, Pam Pins a Map, A Web on the Bed, Rat's Hut and more. These suit a child just learning to read, or a grown-up reading aloud.

For growing readers

29 are at levels 5 to 9: Pim and the Mitten, The Monster Who Could Not Sleep, Scratch at the Tent, Piccola, Mia and the Kite, The Little Lantern and more. Longer stories, with more going on in each one.

For confident readers

34 are at levels 10 to 18: Complaints Department, Thistle Counts the Tides, The Beginning of the Armadillos, Eye Patch Year, Field Guide to Room 214, Where Words Grow 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 moral stories for kids
- Free family stories for kids
- Free courage stories for kids
- Free beginning reader books for kids just learning to read
- Free short bedtime 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 friendship 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/friendship-stories-for-kids