Free funny stories for kids

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Peabody has 82 free funny stories for kids, silly tales, tricksters and stories that are fun to read out loud. 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: Sid Sat · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 24
- Story: Man, Pan, Map · Level: Level 0 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 25
- 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: Six Cats, Six Hats · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 31
- Story: Bat in the Hat · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 44
- Story: Bed Is Full · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 51
- Story: Ten Pigs · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 30
- Story: Tab Can Not Nap · Level: Level 1 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 52
- Story: Stop, Dad! · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 45
- Story: The Plum · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 57
- Story: The Hen Who Hisses · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 53
- Story: Frog on a Log · Level: Level 2 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 45
- Story: In My Bag · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 36
- Story: The Hat Cat · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 70
- Story: Mop Can Hop · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 46
- Story: Moss and the Box · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 65
- Story: The Hat That Slid · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 44
- Story: Duke Hides a Bone · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 74
- Story: A Cat and a Dog · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 61
- Story: Big Prints in the Hall · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 56
- Story: Jake and the Snake · Level: Level 3 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 52
- Story: Jem and Pug Sit · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 67
- Story: Lou and the Snow Dad · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 81
- Story: Kate and the Puddle · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 56
- Story: Fay and the Kite · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 93
- Story: Big Egg · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 96
- Story: Yum! · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 39
- Story: Bo and the Bath Duck · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 60
- Story: A Boo for Bea · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 83

• Story: Red, Red, Red · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 50
• Story: Nell's Loose Tooth · Level: Level 4 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 54
• Story: Where Is Ned's Hat? · Level: Level 5 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 63
• Story: Tom and the Big Fish · Level: Level 6 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 220
• Story: Tadpoles in a Jar · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 432
• Story: Paul Bunyan and Babe · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Classic · Words: 506
• Story: The Hen Parade · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 414
• Story: The Fox and the Grapes · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Classic · Words: 292
• Story: The Princess and the Pea · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Classic · Words: 344
• Story: Mrs. Hedgehog's Umbrella · Level: Level 7 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 352
• Story: The Bremen Town Musicians · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 848
• Story: The Otter's Rock · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 984
• Story: How the Camel Got His Hump · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 810
• Story: Coo Catches Gumdrop · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 938
• Story: Goblins on Good Behavior · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 858
• Story: Jack and the Beanstalk · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 883
• Story: Pecos Bill · Level: Level 8 · Kind: Classic · Words: 905
• Story: Mavis and the Greedy Mayor · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,072
• Story: Anansi and the Pot of Wisdom · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,084
• Story: Water Uphill · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,224
• Story: The Emperor's New Clothes · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 977
• Story: Davy Crockett and the Frozen Sunrise · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Classic · Words: 993
• Story: The Elevator Plan · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,065
• Story: Dumpling Takes the Lead · Level: Level 9 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 968
• Story: Complaints Department · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,329
• 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: The Case of the Missing Mangoes · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,210
• Story: A Hard Nut to Crack · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,705
• Story: Odo Gets Measured Up · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,215
• Story: Tuppence Delivers · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,164
• Story: The School on the 7:15 · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,511
• Story: Anansi and the Sky God · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,337
• Story: Side Out · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,573
• Story: The Wheel at Hollow Creek · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,495

- Story: The Snow Fort Treaty · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,606
- Story: Otto and the Spell That Counted Backwards · Level: Level 10 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,129
- Story: The Haunting of Bench Seven · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,355
- Story: The Girl Who Checked the Arithmetic · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,197
- Story: Otto and the Rule of Three · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,472
- Story: Big Night at Spade Pond · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 2,240
- Story: Thor and the Stolen Hammer · Level: Level 11 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,396
- Story: Rule Fourteen · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,496
- Story: Nobody Calls It Luck · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 2,426
- Story: The Debt of Ambrose Tilley · Level: Level 12 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,713
- Story: The Thirteenth Stop · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,630
- Story: The Sword in the Stone · Level: Level 13 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,872
- Story: Don Quixote and the Windmills · Level: Level 14 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,560
- Story: The Clerk of Hollowmere · Level: Level 15 · Kind: Peabody story · Words: 1,780
- Story: A Midsummer Night's Dream · Level: Level 16 · Kind: Classic · Words: 1,796
- 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.

Funny bedtime stories

Many of the shorter ones here are gentle enough for bedtime. The short bedtime stories page shows how long each story takes to read aloud.

For the youngest readers

33 are at levels 0 to 4: Sid Sat, Man, Pan, Map, Tim in a Tin, Get Up, Gus!, Jen and the Jam, Six Cats, Six Hats and more. These suit a child just learning to read, or a grown-up reading aloud.

For growing readers

22 are at levels 5 to 9: Where Is Ned's Hat?, Tom and the Big Fish, Tadpoles in a Jar, Paul Bunyan and Babe, The Hen Parade, The Fox and the Grapes and more. Longer stories, with more going on in each one.

For confident readers

27 are at levels 10 to 18: Complaints Department, Eye Patch Year, Field Guide to Room 214, The Case of the Missing Mangoes, A Hard Nut to Crack, Odo Gets Measured Up 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 Aesop's fables for kids, with the lesson of each
- Free folk tales, tall tales and legends 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 funny 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/funny-stories-for-kids