

# Let's Play Ball



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- Sara liked to play games.

  She wanted to play ball,
  so she got a bat
  and a ball.
- But she needed someone to play with her.



Sara saw her Dad.

She asked, "Can you play ball with me?"

"I can't play now,"

said Dad.

"I'm too busy."



- Sara went to her Mom.
  "Can you play ball
  with me?" Sara asked.
- Mom shook her head.
  "Not today," Mom said.



- Sara saw Sam and Jason.

  "Let's play ball,"

  Sara said.
- "Sorry" said Sam.
  "I have to work."

  "I have to work, too," said Jason.



- Sara sat alonein the yard.No one would play ball with her.
- She thought about what to do.



- Then Sara had an idea.
  "Come here, Max!"
  shouted Sara.
- Max ran to Sara and wagged his tail.



- Sara said, "Listen, Max.

  I'll hit the ball

  and you bring it back."
- Sara hit the ball.

  The ball went
  a long way.



- Max ran after the ball. He got it and brought it back.
- When Sara hit the ball,
  Max got it again.
  He did **not** want to stop.



Sara was tired.

"Good dog, Max,"

she said.

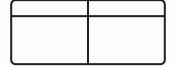
"Let's play ball again on another day.

You are never too busy to play ball with me!"

## Responding

## TARGET SKILL Understanding

Characters What kind of person is Sara? What words and actions help you know? Copy and complete the chart below.



#### Talk About It

**Text to Text** Think of another story about someone who has a pet. What did he or she do?

## WORDS TO KNOW

beautiful listen
caught minute
friendship thought

idea took

- Characters Tell more about characters.
- TARGET STRATEGY Visualize Picture what is happening as you read.
- **GENRE Realistic fiction** is a story that could happen in real life.

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Level: F

**DRA:** 10

**Genre:** 

**Realistic Fiction** 

**Strategy:** 

Visualize

**Skill:** 

**Understanding Characters** 

**Word Count: 215** 



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