

Big Sis Does Not Sob



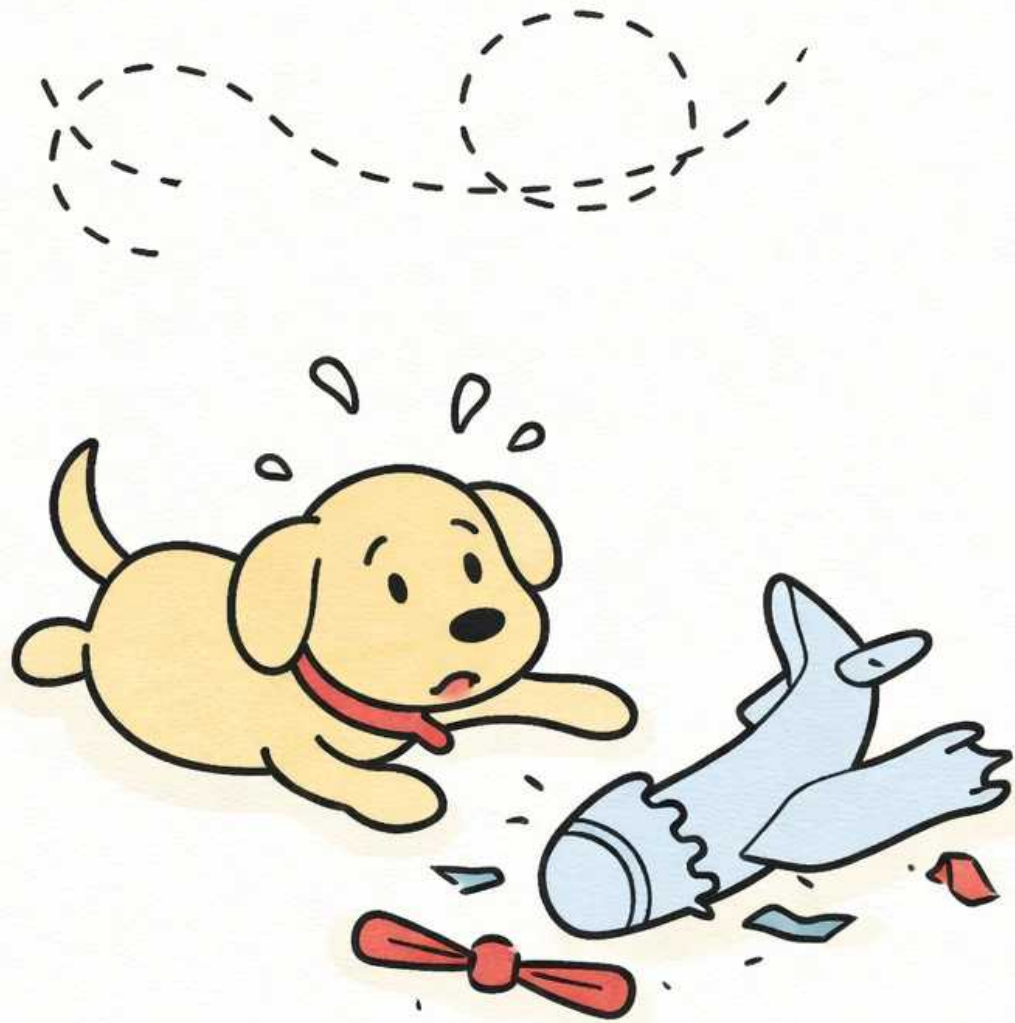


Big Sis is up on a branch. She can relax up there. Max hangs on and kicks his legs.

'Big Sis is the best!' he yells.

Big Sis gets up on the branch with a plane. 'This is the moment,' she says. 'Have a look, Max!' Max looks up and grins.





The plane spins
and drops. Crash! It
is broken. Bits of
the broken plane
are on the grass.
Dog is by it in
shock.

Dog is mad. Yap,
yap, yap! Max
grips his branch.

But Big Sis is
not even upset.
'Stop it, Dog,'
she says.



'We can fix the
plane,' says Big Sis.

'We must **begin**.'

She digs in the mud
with a spade. Max
sits and has a look.
Dog tugs on a rope
and will not quit.



Big Sis pats Dog.

Dog wags and wags.

Max grips Big Sis
and hangs back.

'Relax, Max,' says Big
Sis. 'Dog is a pal.'



Then Big Sis trips! She falls flat
in the mud. Max falls on top of
Big Sis. Dog just looks at them.

But Big Sis does not cry. Not
even a bit.



Big Sis gets up and grabs the broken plane. 'We can fix it,' she says. Max has mud on his legs. He wants to cry. But Big Sis does not cry, so Max does not cry.





Big Sis and Max go back in. 'I can make the dish,' says Big Sis. 'It is so **basic**.' She grabs a big book. Then she mixes and mixes. Max sits and has a look.

Max steps up
and looks over
the bench. Big
Sis is crying! Wet
drops fall. Max is
silent with shock.
Big Sis is crying?





Max taps his chin. He recalls it all. Big Sis does not cry up on a branch. Big Sis does not cry when Dog yaps. Big Sis does not **even** cry when she falls flat in the mud! So what can make Big Sis cry?

Max steps up close.

Big Sis grins and lifts the cut bulb. 'It is the bulb!' she says.

Max grins a big grin.

So that is the **secret!**

Big Sis does not cry.

No, not Big Sis. Not even a bit!





What Made Sis Sob?

Big Sis never cries. Not when she's way up in the tree, not when the plane crashes, not even when she trips and falls flat in the mud. But back in the kitchen, something makes real, wet tears roll down her cheeks. What could possibly make Big Sis cry? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 68: Open/Closed), this book practices words like 'even', 'broken', 'relax', 'basic', 'begin'.

Phonics Focus: Open/Closed

basic, begin, broken, crying, even, moment, over, recall, relax, secret, silent

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