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My name is Sam.

I am a girl.

I am an 11-year-old girl.

This is my dad and me.

My dad loves me.

My real name is Samantha.
But my dad calls me Sam. 

My best friend is Rob. 

He calls me Sam. 

You can call me Sam. 

I go to middle school.
Sometimes my teacher calls me Samantha.¹²

But my friends at school call me Sam.¹³

You can call me Sam, too!¹⁴

What is your name?¹⁵
Sam’s Awesome Dog
My name is Sam.  

I am a girl named Sam. 

This is my dog. My dog’s name is Bo Jo. 

He is not a girl dog. He is a boy dog. 

He is a good boy dog.
Bo Jo likes to play ball 🏑 with me.  

And Bo Jo likes to play ball with my best friend, Rob 🧥.  

I throw ⛔️ the ball up. 🏐️

Bo Jo runs 🐶 to get the ball and he brings it back to me. 📚
Bo Jo brings the ball back to me.

Then, it is Rob’s turn to throw the ball.

Rob throws the ball up.

Bo Jo runs fast to get the ball.

Bo Jo runs very fast to get the ball.
Bo Jo is an awesome dog.

He loves me and I love him!
Sad Sam
I am Sam, and I am very sad.  

Yesterday, my dad told me he is getting a new job.  

He said, “Sam, we will have to move to a new house.”
“And Sam, you will have to go to a new school.”

Yikes! I won’t have a friend at a new school.

I am very sad.

I am very, very sad.
The only friend I will have at my new house is Bo Jo.

Dad said, “Sam, you will make a new friend.

There will be boys and girls in our new neighborhood and at your new school.”
I will try to be happy.

I will try to be happy when I go to my new school.

Hmmm . . . Maybe Bo Jo could go to my new school with me!

Bo Jo sure does like to be with me!
Is Sam Ridiculous?
I asked my dad if I could take Bo Jo to my new school.  

Dad said, “NO! That’s ridiculous! You know that dogs cannot go to school!”

On the first day at my new school, I made a friend.