

A New Friend

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Level 19

Running Words 527 Text Type Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Area Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

- 1 Who wanted Josh to go bowling?
- 2 What did Ben and Josh do on Saturday morning?
- 3 Why was Josh glad he had kept his word?

Inferential

- 4 Why did Josh ask Ben to play football at lunchtime?
- 5 Why did Ethan tell Josh he would have more fun going bowling?
- 6 How did Josh feel when he arrived at Ben's place on Saturday morning?
- 7 Why did Ben's dad take the boys to the movies?
- 8 What sort of movie did the boys see?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why did Mum tell Josh that he would know what to do?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 19	Card	Description	<i>My Best Friend</i>
Level 19	Book	Narrative	<i>Emily's Surprise</i>
Level 19	Book	Narrative	<i>The School Rule</i>

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Chapter 1

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It was lunchtime at Highbury School.
Josh grabbed a ball and raced outside.
As he ran onto the football field, he saw Ben.
Ben was new at school. He had just started that week.



“Do you want to play football with me?” Josh asked Ben.

“That would be great,” said Ben.

Josh booted the ball towards Ben.

Ben caught it and kicked it into the goal.

“You’re really good!” said Josh.

“Thanks,” said Ben.



Ben and Josh practised their goal kicking until the bell rang. Then, they walked together back to their classroom.

“Would you like to come over to my place on Saturday?”

Ben asked Josh. “We have a huge backyard. There’s lots of space to kick a ball around.”

“That would be great,” said Josh.

“I can’t play football at my place. Our backyard is too small.”



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Chapter 2

Something Better

As Josh was leaving school the next day, he saw his friend, Ethan.

“Do you want to come bowling on Saturday?” Ethan asked Josh.

“We are going to get pizza when we finish.”

“I would really like to go bowling,” said Josh.

“But I’ve made plans to go to Ben’s house.”

“No, you should come with me!” said Ethan.

“You’ll have much more fun.

You can go to Ben’s place another time.”

Josh knew that it would be fun to go bowling with Ethan.

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