

Do Bananas Chew Gum?

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Characters –

Sam Mott – Main character. Can't read. Doesn't like name calling.

Wally Whiteside – a friend of Sam's

Mr. & Mrs. Mott – Sam's parents

Mrs. Glass – Has two children and a full time job

Chuck & Alex – The Glass children

Ms. Bird – Sam's teacher

Mr. Bromfield – Gym teacher

Alicia Bliss – Class brain

Mr. Westfall – Janitor

Brenda Strawhacker – Archeologist

Dr. Reynolds - Orthodontist

Chapter 1 –

What was the first name Sam is called and why?

A - Tinsel teeth because of his braces.

Where was one place Sam used to live?

A – New Jersey

Why does Wally barrel into Sam?

A – Because he got his braces off.

What is the first thing Wally wanted to do to celebrate getting his braces off?

A – He wants to eat caramels.

What does Mrs. Glass want with Wally?

A – She wants him to babysit

What does Mrs. Glass say about May showers?

A – They bring June something or another.

When did Sam move to his new home?

A – 2 months ago.

Why does Sam have a ring?

A – To remember which hand is his right.

Where did Sam get the ring?

A – A gumball machine.

What job did Mrs. Glass get?

A – She works at the Stockton News Advertiser.

Why can't Wally babysit?

A – He claims he is busy unless it's Friday or Saturday.

How old is Sam?

A – 12

Does Sam have any activities after school?

A – No

Where else has Sam lived?

A – California

Where do the Glass's live?

A – Down the street on Euclid.

Why is Sam going to the Orthodontist?

A – A wire on his braces popped loose.

What is his orthodontist's name?

A – Dr. Reynolds.

Chapter 2 –

What is the name of Glass's dog?

A – Rooster

What does Sam hate about not being able to read?

A – He has to take tests to check his reading ability.

What game did Sam play with the boys?

A – Treasure hunt.

Chapter 3 –

Where were the boys hiding after the storm?

A – Under the bed.

What major event happened while Sam was at the orthodontist?

A – A tornado.

What did a teacher in California tell Sam to get to help him take notes?

A – A tape recorder.

Chapter 4 –

How was Alicia holding her paper?

A – Like a torch.

What did Wally lose at lunch?

A – His retainer.

Where was Wally's lost retainer?

A – In the garbage room

Chapter 5 –

What did Chuck find in the yard?

A – A toy bulldozer.

What does Sam want to do with his life?

A – Be an archeologist.

What do the boys want to find when digging?

A – Viking stuff.

Which classmate first figures out Sam can't read?

A – Alicia

Chapter 6 –

What did the college girl wear?

A – A shirt with the words "You dig?"

What is Mrs. Glass's first name?

A – Marietta

Chapter 7 –

What do Sam's parents want him to do?

A – Take some investigative tests

What does Sam not like to be called?

A – Sammy

What movie is on TV after an argument Sam had with his parents?

A – A black and white Tarzan movie

Chapter 8 –

Did Sam know what to do his science project on?

A – No

What did Alicia do to Wally?

A – Blackmail him to find out where Sam was

What word does Sam fail to spell?

A – Cute

Chapter 9 –

What is Sam good with?

A – Numbers

Does Mrs. Glass want Sam to take the test?

A – Yes

Where does Wally want to take Sam?

A – To a fossil hunt

Chapter 10 –

What day is it for Alicia at the end of the book?

A – Her birthday

What did Alicia tell her girlfriends?

A – That Sam Mott kissed her.

Did Sam find any fossils with Wally?

A – No

Who gave Sam the reading tests?

A – Ms. Huggins

What were the purposes of the tests?

A – To see how Sam learned best

Chapter 11 –

What was lunch after the tests?

A – Pizza casserole

What did Sam's cupcake have on it?

A – His name with a heart around it

How does the class take Sam's request to call him Sam?

A – They respond to it seriously.

How does Sam finally learn to read?

A – Word associations and breaking the word down.

What does Sam find at the museum?

A – A piece of junk he found in the Glass's back yard with his name attached