Time to Read!

Focus: All patterns combined

Ben was just three when he started to look at books. He would sit on his dad's lap and point at the pictures.

"What is that?" Ben would ask.

"That is a frog on a log," Dad would say. "And that is a bee in a tree."

Each night, they would read together. Ben started to see the same words again and again.

One day, Ben picked up a book by himself. He looked at the page and said:

"The... cat... sat... on... the... mat!"

Dad's eyes went wide. "Ben! You just read your first sentence!"

Ben smiled the biggest smile. "I can read!" he shouted. "I can read!"

From that day on, Ben read everything he could find. Signs. Boxes. Books. Even the back of the milk carton!

Now Ben reads chapter books. But he will never forget his first words:
The cat sat on the mat.

Words in This Story:

read • three • started • look • books • sit • point • frog • log • bee • tree •
each • night • picked • page • cat • sat • mat • eyes • wide • first • smiled
• biggest • shouted • signs • boxes • chapter • never • forget

Comprehension: Time to Read!

Circle the correct answer:

1. How old was Ben when he started looking at books?

- ■ A. Three
- ■ B. Five
- ■ C. Two

2. Who read to Ben?

- ■ A. His dad
- ■ B. His mom
- ■ C. His teacher

3. What was Ben's first sentence?

- ■ A. The cat sat on the mat
- ■ B. I can read
- ■ C. The frog on the log

4. What does Ben read now?

- ■ A. Chapter books
- ■ B. Only picture books
- ■ C. Nothing

Put the story in order (write 1, 2, 3, 4):

___ They read together every night.

___ Ben looks at books with his dad.

___ Ben reads his first sentence by himself.

___ Ben becomes a reader and reads everything!

Draw your favorite part of the story: