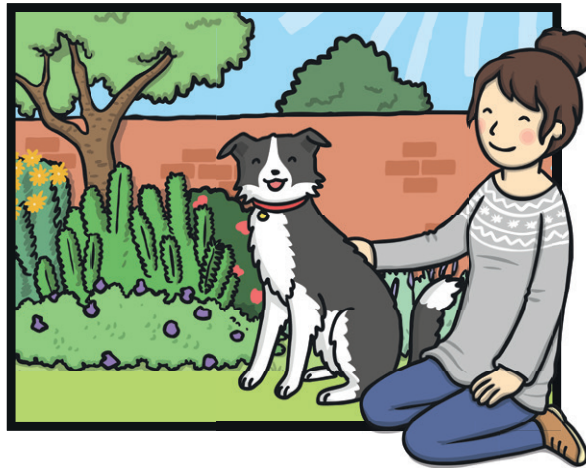


# Reading Booklet

## Year 2 Reading Assessment



**Sindy's Great Escape**

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**S**indy gazed through the gate sadly. The sun was blazing and the children were all running to the ice cream van to get a tasty treat, but she was trapped in the front garden.

'Sindy!' shouted her owner, Isla, 'Come away from that gate, we don't want you trying to run away again.'

Sindy turned to look at Isla. She loved her owner and she liked their long walks but Isla always took her to the same park. Sindy wanted to explore the world. It was no wonder she kept trying to run away!



Sindy slowly began to walk back to the house, when suddenly she heard the gate open. She spun round to see the postman...and an open gate! Before the postman or Isla could stop her, Sindy bolted for the gate and ran straight through. She heard Isla shouting at her but she didn't stop. She ran as fast as her legs would carry her. This time she was going to escape!

Eventually, Sindy felt tired and she stopped to rest. She looked around. She didn't recognise anything. There were huge half-built buildings, with lots of people building them. There were gigantic monster-like trucks and it was so noisy it hurt her ears. Frightened, she crept forward.



‘Oi!’ shouted a tall, bearded man. ‘What are you doing here?’

He made a grab for Sindy, but she was too quick for him and she got away. Sindy continued running, her heart beating loudly. She didn’t like the strange man, or the strange buildings - she needed to get as far away as possible.

Once again, Sindy stopped to rest. Panting, she looked around. There were not many houses and lots of fields and trees. Sindy was so excited!

She found a stream to have a drink, then she bounded off to explore the fields. As she walked around she saw many new things. There were baby rabbits hopping around playing games. There were birds swooping in and out of the treetops and squirrels climbing high and jumping from branch to branch. Sindy found a shaded place in the trees to sit and watch. She was amazed by all these creatures and the things they did.

From behind her she heard laughing. She looked to see a young girl running through the trees with her dog. Suddenly the girl fell over. Her dog ran up to her and licked her face. The girl giggled, gave her dog a cuddle and then they both got up and ran off through the trees. Sadly, Sindy watched them go.

She sat there all alone. It was getting late. Sindy could hear strange noises and she began to feel scared. She thought of Isla and her cosy bed at home. She suddenly realised she had no idea how to get home! Sindy lay down and cried. How silly she had been to run away! Isla took her on long walks and gave her lots of cuddles. Oh how she wished she hadn’t run away. Sindy closed her eyes to go to sleep.

As she drifted off to sleep, she could hear Isla calling her. Sindy opened her eyes, jumped up and ran towards the voice. Walking towards her was Isla!

