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In this adventure, I go on a long walk and find some sticks.

★ As you are listening to the story, think about where I go and what sort of sticks, I find.

You can listen to an audio version of the story here

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Max's Morning Walk

Once upon a time, there was a black Labrador called Max **who** lived on the edge of a small town with his family.

Early one Spring morning, Max woke up and thought to himself, "I'd like to go for a walk and collect some sticks." So, he barked and he barked and he barked until he had woken everyone in the house!

As soon as Max had his harness fastened, his family opened the door, stepped outside and set off on their walk. The sun shone down from a bright, blue sky and birds sang up above in the trees. Max's nose twitched with excitement as he sniffed the fresh air.

First, Max walked on a path near a canal. **As** he was walking, he saw a brown stick. Not too big, not too small but just right! "This looks a good stick," thought Max. **So**, he picked it up and continued on his way.

Next, Max walked along beside the canal **until** he came to a stone bridge. Max walked under the bridge where he found another stick. Not too heavy, not too light but just right! "This looks a grand stick," thought Max. **So**, he picked it up and continued on his way.

After that, Max walked on and on **until** he came to a deep, dark wood. There he found another stick that was not too tickly, not too prickly. **Unfortunately**, it

was an extremely long stick! **Luckily**, the path was very wide. 'This looks a fun stick', thought Max so he picked it up and continued on his way.

Finally, Max arrived at the beach where noisy seagulls swooped. He was feeling so hot that he jumped into the sea to cool down. Splash! Max swam round and round and round **until** he found another stick, floating in the sea. Not too straight, not too bendy but just right! "This looks an unusual stick," thought Max so he grabbed it and swam to the shore.

At last, Max and his family returned home. What a very long walk I've had, thought Max and look how many sticks I found! Max yawned. He curled up in his bed, closed his eyes and fell fast asleep dreaming of his next adventure.

Read the story with your child. Talk to them about the story.

Choose a few questions to ask about the story like the ones below but don't ask too many! Model answering the questions, for example, 'I like the part when Max went to the beach **because** he goes swimming. Which part do you like?'

Encourage your child to respond in full sentences e.g. 'I like the part when.....**because**.....'



- ★ Where did Max go on his walk?
- ★ Have you ever been on a walk? Where did you go?
- ★ What sounds did Max hear at the beach? I wonder why he swam round and round?
- ★ How many sticks did Max find?
- ★ What were they like? Tell me, do you think Max had a favourite stick?
- ★ Tell me how Max felt when he got home?
- ★ How do you know?
- ★ Do you know any other stories where someone goes for a walk?