

Sanjay stays in bed

Talk to your child about the story:

This is a story about a little boy who tells his mummy that he doesn't feel well and doesn't think he can go to school, even though he is not really ill! What would your mum say?

Sanjay asks his mum to call the teacher. His mum agrees so Sanjay spends his day in bed. However he wants to get up to watch TV. What will he say to his mum?

Begin by reading the story words. Can your child 'Fred' in their head ... in other words can they sight read the words or silently decode them and then say the word out loud?

ring	yes	must	yet	not	clock
stay	day	tray	way	say	
San'jay → Sanjay		an'i'mal → animal			no
o'kay → okay		sting'ray → stingray			he
of	are	said	you		all

Remember, you can't 'Fred' a red! Use the first sound as a clue.

Underlined sounds show 'special friends' where 2 letters = 1 sound.

The words with arrows show how to break words into syllables to make them easier to read. You could clap each syllable, then say the word.

Now you are ready to read the story.

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“Get up Sanjay”, said mum.

But Sanjay said,

“No way.”

Ring Miss Hay and say
that I am ill.



I must stay in bed all day.”

At 10o'clock, Sanjay had a cup of milk.

“Are you okay?” said mum.

“No way,” said Sanjay.

“Not yet.”

He played with his animals.

At 1 o'clock, Sanjay had eggs on a tray.

“Are you okay?” said mum.

“No way,” said Sanjay. “Not yet.”

At 6 o'clock, Sanjay said,

“Stingray is on TV.

I must not miss Stingray.

I will get up.”



“Are you okay then?” said mum.

“Um ... yes,” said Sanjay.

We encourage the children to read the story at least twice so we know they are familiar with it. Then use the text to help answer these questions.

+ What does Sanjay's mum tell him to do?
(beginning of text)

+ What does Sanjay tell his mum to say to Miss Hay?

+ What does Sanjay do at 10'oclock?

+ What does Sanjay do at 1'oclock?

+ What does Sanjay do at 6'oclock?

+ When Sanjay tells his mum he is okay, what sort of voice do you think he uses when he says "um ... yes"?

Talk about words: cautious / careful / confident and why he may feel that way.