

# Passages

## Reading Level 4



**Title:** Henry and Ribsy

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### Sample From The Book

One warm Saturday morning in August, Henry Huggins and his mother and father were eating breakfast in their square white house on Klickitat Street. Henry's dog Ribsy sat close to Henry's chair, hoping for a handout. While Mr. And Mrs. Huggins listened to the nine o'clock news on the radio, Henry tried to think of something interesting he could do that day. Of course he could play ball with Scooter or ride his bicycle over to Robert's house and work on the model railroad, but those were things he could do every day. Today he wanted to do something different, something he had never done before.

Before Henry thought of anything interesting to do, the radio announcer finished the news and four men began to sing. Henry, who heard this program every Saturday, sang with them.

"Woofies Dog Food is the best,  
Contains more meat than all the rest,  
So buy your dog a can today  
And watch it chase the blues away,  
Woof, woof, woof, Woofies!"

Then the sound of a dog barking came out of the radio.

"R-r-r-wuff!" said Ribsy, looking at the radio.

The announcer's voice cut in. "Is your dog a member of the family?" he asked.

"He sure is!" exclaimed Henry to the radio. "He's the best dog there is."



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