



A Ready to read

Let's **create images**! Danny knows that to be a good reader, you need to create pictures in your mind of what you read. Read the story and finish the picture.

B Let's read!



Butters

Butters the pony lived in a grassy field on a hillside.

Butters had lots of animal friends. Cows mooed hello

every morning. Sheep in the field next to Butters **bleated** curiously at him all day long. Birds **chattered** from the telephone wires above Butters's head. But Butters did not know any other ponies. This made him very sad.

Every night, Butters dreamed of the fun he might have with another pony. He dreamed of a brown **mare** called Mya.

One sunny morning when Butters was waking from just such a dream, he heard the clippety-clop of hooves on the road that led past his field. The farmer opened the gate and shooed a raggedy grey donkey into the **paddock**.

'Get in there, Spud, and say hello to your new friend, Butters,' the farmer said. Spud had huge fluffy ears and a dark stripe that ran down his back and across his shoulders. Spud pulled back his lips and gave Butters his most handsome donkey smile.

Spud was not the pony of Butters's dreams, but he certainly looked like good fun!

Comprehension



A Quiz time!

- 1 What was the name of the pony?

- 2 What noise did the sheep make?

- 3 What made Butters sad?

- 4 What did Butters dream of?

- 5 What did Spud the donkey look like?

B Think about it!

Do you think that Spud is a friendly donkey?
What makes you think that?

Word work



bleated chattered mare paddock

C Read the words. Finish the sentences.

- 1 A _____ is a female horse.
- 2 The lamb _____ when she saw her mother.
- 3 The pony ate the long grass in the _____.
- 4 The birds _____ noisily on the telephone wire.

D Together with your class, come up with a list of words that you think of when you hear the word **bleated, e.g. sheep, baa.**