



Henry and Mudge and the Careful Cousin

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Recommended Ages:

5-8

Summary: Cousin Annie is coming! Henry and his big dog Mudge can hardly wait. But when Annie arrives, she is all dressed up. She says Henry's fish tank smells and she does not like dog kisses. How can you have some fun with a cousin like that? Henry and Mudge find a way!

Discussion Questions: Spoiler alert! Some of the questions contain key elements of the plot. Do not read if you don't want to know what happens!

1. In what way is Annie different than Henry?
2. Do you think Annie was polite to Henry and Mudge?
3. How important is it to allow people to be who they are?
4. Is there someone you know in real life that you didn't like before you got to know them better?

Activities: Ask readers about their pets. Have them describe activities they do with them.

Snack Ideas: Fudge cookies!