

Ann and Smudge

“Smudge! Smudge!” Ann called as she trudged over the bridge. Ann could hear something in the hedge. The hedge was by the lodge. Ann ran to the hedge. She saw her dog, Smudge. Smudge was wedged in by the hedge and the lodge.

Ann nudged Smudge, but Smudge did not budge. Smudge was stuck!

Then, Ann saw Mom at the edge of the bridge. Ann called, “mom, Smudge is stuck and I can’t budge her!” Ann and Mom both nudged Smudge. Smudge still did not budge!

Mom ran back to the bridge. Then she trudged back with a bucket of water. “Let’s try this,” Mom said.

She dumped the water around Smudge. Smudge tried to dodge the water, but Smudge still did not budge.

“Ann, try to budge Smudge now,” Mom said. Soon, Smudge budged! “Now we are **all** smudged with mud!” shouted Mom.