

I HATE READING



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AS TOLD BY HER KIDS, ARTHUR & HENRY

Did you know that *I Hate Reading* was co-written by two real brothers when they were 7 and 9 years old? It all started on an ordinary afternoon. Arthur and Henry were supposed to be reading. But they did not want to. They wanted to laugh. They wanted to have fun. So what did they do? They wrote a story about not wanting to read! Once they got started, they just kept going. Some parts are true. Some parts are totally made up. They ended up with a story they actually wanted to read.

Just like Arthur and Henry, you are a storyteller, too. Are you in a silly mood or a serious mood? Do you want your story to be true, or full of imagination? Maybe like Arthur and Henry, your story will have a little of both.

Check out these videos from Beth on how to avoid reading by [doing some maths](#), [watching a movie](#), or [going for a ride in the car](#)!

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HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED...

'My dog came running into the room with my school reading book in its mouth so I...'

'I TRIED TO HIDE MY BOOK BUT MYSTERIOUSLY IT ALWAYS REAPPEARED IN MY BAG. I SUSPECT THAT ...'

'MY BEST FRIEND HATES READING AND ASKED ME TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR HOMEWORK SO...'

'I was waiting in the car outside the supermarket for my mum, so I got my book out to start reading, **BUT THEN...**'

'I got my book out of my bag at the bus stop, **BUT THEN...**'

'I sat down on the sofa to start reading, **BUT THEN...**'