

Sammy
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Age 7

One day I met Sammy at Petsmart. Sammy was a cute little puppy. When I first saw him, he was speaking to me in English. I was so surprised! I asked Sammy, "How did you learn to speak English?" Sammy wagged his short tail and said, "I am a smart puppy, I can speak different languages, including Chinese and Spanish." I was impressed. I asked Sammy, "Can you say 'Hello' in Chinese?" Sammy smiled and said, "Ni Hao." I was so excited that I decided to buy Sammy and take him to live with me.

Sammy has light brown fur and big black eyes. Ever since he came to my home, Sammy's job has been to bring the newspaper to me from the driveway every morning, so I could read some interesting news and the weather forecast while I was eating my breakfast. Every Sunday, Sammy taught me how to speak Chinese. We also watched Chinese movies and read Chinese stories together. My Chinese reading and speaking skills have been greatly improved.

Sammy was also my translator. One day, Sammy and I went to Burke Lake Park. We had a lot of fun playing on the swings, seesaws, and slides at the playground. Night had already fallen when we decided to go home. We couldn't remember the way back. Suddenly, we saw a young man who was sweeping the ground in front of us. I hurried to ask the young man "Where is the exit of the park?" He looked very confused and told us he could speak only Spanish. Sammy knew just what to do. Sammy talked to the young man in Spanish, and then he translated into English for me. Finally, Sammy and I found the way out.

Sammy became my best friend. I wish he could have stayed with me forever.