

# THE BOY WHO KNEW HOW TO

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IN THE STORY THE MAIN CHARACTER, A LITTLE BOY NAMED NICKY, WANTS TO GET A DOG FOR A PET. TEST YOUR COMPREHENSION SKILLS IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING NICKY'S QUEST TO GET A PET DOG.

## LESSON SKILL: COMPREHENSION

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK MADE NICKY WANT A DOG?
  - A. WHEN HE HEARD THE DOG BARK.
  - B. WHEN HE SAW THE DOG AND HIS OWNER PLAY FETCH.
  - C. WHEN HE SAW THE DOG EAT HIS FOOD.
  - D. WHEN HE SAW THE BOND THAT THE DOG AND HIS OWNER SHARED.
  - E. NONE OF THE ABOVE.
  
2. WHERE WAS NICKY WHEN HE FIRST SAW THE DOG?
  - A. IN SCHOOL.
  - B. AT THE GROCERY STORE.
  - C. ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.
  - D. ON THE BUS STOP.
  - E. IN THE PARK WITH HIS PARENTS.
  
3. WHEN DID NICKY THINK ABOUT HAVING A DOG?
  - A. WHILE HE WAS IN SCHOOL.
  - B. WHILE AT THE DINNER TABLE.
  - C. WHILE HE WAS TAKING A BATH.
  - D. WHILE HE BRUSHED HIS TEETH BEFORE BED.
  - E. ANSWERS B, C, AND D, ONLY.
  
4. WHAT DID NICKY DO THAT MADE IT OBVIOUS THAT HE REALLY WANTED TO GET A DOG?
  - A. CRIED EVERY DAY.
  - B. ASKED HIS PARENTS EVERYDAY TO GET HIM A DOG.
  - C. DREW A PICTURE OF A DOG THAT HE CARRIED IN HIS POCKET CONSISTENTLY.
  - D. SOLD CANDY TO MAKE MONEY TO BUY HIS OWN DOG.
  - E. ALL OF THE ABOVE.



5. WHAT MADE UNCLE HARRY'S VISIT WITH NICKY EXTRA SPECIAL?
- A. HE TOOK NICKY TO BUY SOME ICE CREAM.
  - B. HE TOOK NICKY TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK.
  - C. HE TOOK NICKY TO CHOOSE A PUPPY FROM A LITTER.
  - D. ANSWERS A, AND B, ONLY.
  - E. NONE OF THE ABOVE.

**LESSON SKILL: WRITING**

6. NICKY'S FRIEND TERRY TEASED HIM FOR CARRYING AROUND A PICTURE OF A DRAWING OF A DOG HE TOLD HIM HE WOULD NEVER GET. NICKY BEGAN TO FEEL BAD AND WONDERED IF IN FACT HE WOULD NOT GET THE DOG OF HIS DREAMS.

**CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU WANTED SOMETHING SO BADLY AND OTHERS TEASED YOU, OR TOLD YOU THAT YOU WOULD NEVER GET WHAT YOU WANTED, AND YOU DID? WRITE AT LEAST ONE PARAGRAPH THAT EXPLAINS A TIME WHEN YOU FINALLY GOT SOMETHING YOU WISHED FOR.**

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**ANSWER KEY**

1. D
2. E
3. E
4. C
5. C
6. ANSWERS WILL VARY

