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Dog for a Day

Worksheet 1

Name

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1. Why did Mark feel uncomfortable in his own house?
2. How do you think his Dad was feeling?
3. The author describes the council dump as a bleak place. What do you think she meant by that?
4. Read pages 6 & 7. Now write down how you think Mark is feeling.
5. Pick three phrases that help us understand how he is feeling.
6. Read pages 8 & 9, and in your own words describe the dog and its behaviour.
7. Find, and write down all the past tense verbs on page 12. There are more than 15!
8. Why was Mark annoyed (page 13)?
9. What is the meaning of the word 'sullenly'?
10. Write out the sentence from page 15 that lets you know how the little dog was feeling.



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Worksheet 2

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1. If you were Mark, what would you have done about Wayne?
2. What would you do about the little dog?
3. Why do you think the little dog couldn't walk?
4. How did the policeman explain why the little dog had been tied up?
5. The old man had difficulty walking. How do we know that?
6. Why do you think the old man is known as Old Grampher?
7. What was Mark's surname? How do we know that?
8. Why is it important to initially restrict food to people who haven't eaten for some time?
9. Do you think Scruffy is a good name for the dog? Why or why not?
10. Had Mark's feelings about Bert been correct? What is your evidence?



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Worksheet 3

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1. Why do you think the lady said she couldn't manage on her own?
2. What does the author mean when he describes Mrs Roger as being 'warm' (page 35)?
3. Explain 'his heart was light' as it is used on page 37.
4. Did Old Grampher enjoy having company? What is your evidence?
5. Why did people say that Old Grampher would have to go into a home? Give an example of his behaviour.
6. Why had all the worry and strain gone from Mum's face?
7. What job has Mark's dad got, and what does he mean by 'odd hours'?
8. Write about an outing you would have with Scruffy.
9. Describe a dog you would like to own.
10. What would you call your dog and why?



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Worksheet 4

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1. Why did Mum not want Mark to go round to Grampher's too early?
2. Describe in your words how Mark felt with the 'excitement bubbling' inside him.
3. Why did Dan admire Mark now, and why was Mark so sure that he wouldn't be bullied again?
4. What does 'worry gnawing at his stomach' mean?
5. Describe how Mark would have felt when he found the empty blanket.
6. Why is Old Grampher calling the little dog Scamp?
7. What had happened to Scamp?
8. What decision did Mark come to about Scruffy?
9. What do the words 'bewildered' and 'mystified' mean?
10. What decision would you have made and why?