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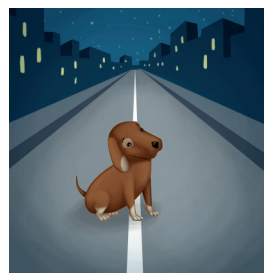
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Before Reading

1 Read about Anna's work. Then answer the questions.

Hello, I'm Anna and I work for a dog rescue group. I love my job, but it sometimes makes me very sad. Every year, we find thousands of unwanted dogs on the streets. People leave them on motorways, in public toilets, in rubbish bins, or outside shops and restaurants. The group finds the most dogs around Easter time. People buy puppies for Christmas presents. The puppy grows. It is difficult to look after. It chews the rugs and it runs round the house breaking things. Dogs need a lot of space and they need a lot of exercise. They are also expensive. It costs around £10,000 to keep a dog for its lifetime. Think with your head and not your heart when you buy a puppy.



a Who does Anna work for?

.....

b Where do people often leave dogs?

.....

c When does the dog rescue group find the most abandoned dogs?

.....

d Why do people abandon dogs?

.....

e How much does it cost to keep a dog?

.....

2 Read the title of the book. Look through the pictures in the book. Who is Socks? Why is he called Socks? Discuss with a partner.

GLOSSARY

- **chews:** bites something into small pieces
- **rescue:** act of saving somebody from a dangerous situation
- **rubbish bins:** containers for things one throws away
- **rugs:** small carpets

Before Reading



1 Listen and number the characters from the story.

a



b



c



d



2  In pairs, find the dogs in the book. Discuss and answer the questions.

- a How many dogs are there?
- b What are their names?
- c Are they all unwanted dogs?

A DIFFERENT LIFE



Do you like sad stories? Good, because this is a sad story. Oh, some of you don't like sad stories. That's OK. This is also a happy story. The beginning is sad; but the ending is happy.

This is a story about a girl called Penny Cooper. That is Penny in the picture. She leaves school and walks down the road. She gets on a bus and goes along a busy[•] road. She gets off the bus and goes inside a big building. Inside the building are apartments. She goes into one of the apartments. It has three rooms. Penny walks round the apartment. The apartment is empty[•]. It is January and the apartment is cold. Penny is on her own[•]. She is often on her own. She's on her own at school and she's on her own at home. Penny often feels lonely[•].

Penny lives in this apartment with her mother and her father. But her father is out[•]. He is looking for[•] work. Penny's mother is out, too. She is working in a café. Penny eats some bread and jam and drinks some water. Then she goes out again. There is a park near the apartments. Penny likes the park. There are people in the park and dogs. Penny likes dogs.



GLOSSARY

- **busy:** (here) with traffic
- **empty:** with nobody inside
- **lonely:** unhappy because she has no friends
- **looking for:** in search of
- **on her own:** alone; without other people
- **out:** not in the house

Now look. This is Penny again. But this is Penny six months ago. It is July. Penny lives in a small village. The village is beside[•] a lake, and there are hills and woods. Penny is with her friends. They run along a path[•] beside the lake. There are houses beside the lake. One house is white; it has a big garden. There is a dog playing in the garden. Penny lives in the white house, and the dog is waiting for her. The dog's name is Holly.

Penny and her friends often play with Holly. Sometimes, they throw sticks[•] into the lake, and Holly brings them back. Then she makes everyone wet. Penny and her friends laugh at Holly.

Pets

Do you like animals?

Have you got a pet?

What is your favourite pet? Tick (✓) below.

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ☐ dog | ☐ cat | ☐ fish |
| ☐ bird | ☐ hamster | ☐ horse |

Penny's father, Mr Cooper, works at a factory[•] and Penny's mother, Mrs Cooper, is at home. This is Penny's life six months ago. Six months is a long time. Six months ago, Penny has friends and a dog, and she lives in the country. She is happy.

GLOSSARY

- **beside:** next to; at the side of
- **factory:** building where things are made



- **path:** small road for walking
- **sticks:** thin pieces of wood



After Reading

Vocabulary

1 Unscramble the words below with the help of their meaning.

- a** KTISC = thin piece of wood
- b** TOBO = space in the back of the car used for luggage
- c** ITPNOFTSRO = marks of a person's feet or shoes
- d** KODLCE = closed with a key
- e** NOTONCNEIC = relation between two things
- f** WRGO = cultivate; plant food to eat
- g** HIWEL = a very short period of time
- h** FCNEEONREC = meeting to inform the public and the press about a particular situation

2 Complete the word formation table below with words from the text.

ADJECTIVE	NOUN
HAPPY	HAPPINESS
DIRTY	
.....	SENSIBILITY
KIND	
.....	WORRY
SAD	
.....	COLD
DIFFICULT	
.....	LONELINESS
DARK	
.....	POVERTY



3 With a partner, write sentences using the words from Exercise 2.

After Reading

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1 For each sentence, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 1** The city is Young people love the city.
A fun **B** funny **C** funnier
- 2** We now know that is a reason. Penny is missing because of Socks.
A it **B** this **C** there
- 3** The police take Penny a police station.
A to **B** at **C** in
- 4** Penny's mother and father decide to their white house.
A live **B** sell **C** buy
- 5** Six months a long time.
A is **B** are **C** have
- 6** Penny washes the puppy with warm water and him in a big towel.
A dries **B** dry **C** dries
- 7** Penny's crying. 'What's the?' asks her mother.
A trouble **B** crying **C** matter
- 8** There is food in the fridge. Penny herself some breakfast.
A makes **B** does **C** takes
- 9** Poor Penny! She one dog and then she finds a new one, but she can't keep him.
A loses **B** takes **C** has
- 10** Mr and Mrs Cooper nod their heads.
A together **B** not **C** both