

My Pet Dog

COMPREHENSION • VOCABULARY • DISCUSSION

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Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

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I have a pet dog named Max. He is a big, brown dog. Max is very friendly and loves to play. Every morning, I take him for a walk in the park. He runs fast and chases after squirrels. Max also likes to fetch the ball. I throw the ball, and he brings it back to me. At home, he sleeps in his bed. Max eats dog food and drinks water. He is my best friend, and I love him very much.

Vocabulary Glossary

Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

WORD / PHRASE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
friendly	kind and nice to others	<i>The new girl in class is very friendly.</i>
chase	to run after something or someone	<i>The cat likes to chase the toy mouse.</i>
fetch	to go and bring something back	<i>The boy asked the dog to fetch the stick.</i>
squirrels	small animals with a bushy tail that live in trees	<i>The squirrels in the park are busy gathering nuts.</i>
park	a public place with grass and trees where people can relax	<i>We had a picnic in the park.</i>
bed	a piece of furniture for sleeping	<i>He reads a book before going to bed.</i>
walk	to move by putting one foot in front of the other	<i>Every evening, she goes for a walk in the neighborhood.</i>
drinks	takes in liquid through the mouth	<i>She drinks water after her workout.</i>

Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. The cat likes to _____ the ball when we throw it.
2. I take my dog for a _____ in the morning.
3. He is very _____ and plays with everyone.
4. We often see _____ running up the trees.
5. After playing, the dog sleeps in his _____.
6. She _____ juice with her breakfast every day.

Comprehension Questions

These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.

Question 1

What does Max do in the park every morning?

- A. Plays with other dogs
- B. Chases squirrels
- C. Eats picnic food
- D. Sleeps under a tree

Question 2

What is one of Max's favorite activities?

- A. Swimming
- B. Playing fetch
- C. Digging holes
- D. Climbing trees

Question 3

Where does Max get his exercise?

- A. At home
- B. In the park
- C. In the backyard
- D. On the sidewalk

Question 4

How does Max help his owner during playtime?

- A. He digs holes
- B. He fetches the ball
- C. He catches frisbees
- D. He guards the house

Question 5

Why does the author love Max?

- A. Because Max is very protective
- B. Because Max is big and strong
- C. Because Max is friendly and playful
- D. Because Max is smart and obedient

Discussion & Writing Prompts

Each prompt references a specific detail from the passage above. Use for classroom discussion or a short written response (150–200 words).

1. The passage mentions that Max is very friendly and loves to play. What are some benefits of having a friendly pet like Max?

2. The author takes Max for a walk in the park every morning. How important is regular exercise for pets, and how can it affect their health?

3. Max fetches the ball and chases squirrels in the park. What are some other games or activities you could do with a dog to keep it active?

Answer Key

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 B

Q2 B

Q3 B

Q4 B

Q5 C

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 chase

FIB2 walk

FIB3 friendly

FIB4 squirrels

FIB5 bed

FIB6 drinks

Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

1. What does Max do in the park every morning?

✓ B — Chases squirrels The passage states that Max chases after squirrels in the park.

✗ A — Plays with other dogs The passage does not mention Max playing with other dogs.

✗ C — Eats picnic food There is no mention of Max eating picnic food in the park.

✗ D — Sleeps under a tree Max does not sleep under a tree in the park.

2. What is one of Max's favorite activities?

✓ B — Playing fetch The passage mentions that Max likes to fetch the ball.

✗ A — Swimming Swimming is not mentioned as an activity Max does.

✗ C — Digging holes There is no mention of Max digging holes.

✗ D — Climbing trees Dogs do not climb trees, and it's not mentioned in the passage.

3. Where does Max get his exercise?

✓ B — In the park The passage states Max is taken for a walk in the park where he runs fast.

✗ A — At home The passage specifies walks in the park, not at home, for exercise.

✗ C — In the backyard The backyard is not mentioned in the passage.

✗ D — On the sidewalk Sidewalks are not mentioned as a place for exercise in the passage.

4. How does Max help his owner during playtime?

✓ B — He fetches the ball The passage mentions Max fetching the ball during playtime.

✗ A — He digs holes Digging holes is not mentioned in the passage.

✗ C — He catches frisbees Catching frisbees is not mentioned in the passage.

✗ D — He guards the house Guarding the house is not related to playtime in the passage.

5. Why does the author love Max?

✓ C — Because Max is friendly and playful

The author mentions Max is friendly and loves to play, indicating why he is loved.

✗ A — Because Max is very protective

Protectiveness is not mentioned as a reason for love in the passage.

✗ B — Because Max is big and strong

Being big and strong is not mentioned as a reason for love.

✗ D — Because Max is smart and obedient

The passage does not mention Max being smart and obedient.

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