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The Dog at the Bus Stop

LITTLE READERS



BEFORE YOU READ

Look and Wonder

1. What do you see by the bench?
2. What might the dog be doing?
3. What can you see behind the bench?
4. Tell a partner what you notice.



Ben walked to the bus stop with Mina.
A brown dog sat beside the bench.
It had a white chest and a red collar.
Its ears went up when a bus came.



Max waved from beside the bus sign.

"Have you seen that dog before?"

Mina looked for a person holding a lead.

No one stood next to the dog.



The bus doors opened with a hiss.
Ben climbed on and took a seat.
The brown dog stayed by the bench.
It watched the bus pull away.



At school, Ben thought about the dog.
He drew its white chest on a page.
Mina drew the bench beside it.
Max remembered the red collar.



"Maybe it was waiting for someone."

Ben looked at Mina's drawing.

"Maybe someone will come back for it."

Max hoped they would see it again.



The next morning, they came early.
The brown dog sat in the same place.
Its red collar looked just the same.
Ben stopped several steps from the bench.



"It was here yesterday," he said.
"What if it cannot find its home?"
Mina looked at the houses across the street.
Max checked the space behind the bench.



A woman walked past with a bag.
The dog watched her for a moment.
Then it turned back toward the road.
The woman walked on without stopping.



Ben took a step toward the dog.
Mina asked him to wait beside her.
"We can ask an adult for help."
Ben stayed by the bus sign.



The same bus came around the corner.
The driver opened the doors and smiled.
Ben stood at the bottom step.
"Did you see that dog yesterday?"



"I did," said Mr. Kim, the driver.

"It came with a man named Mr. Cho."

"I saw them walk up together."

"The dog was on a blue lead."



Ben looked back at the dog.

He could see the red collar.

He could not see a blue lead.

"What happened after that?" he asked.



"Mr. Cho stopped to tie his shoe."

"The dog sat near the end of the bench."

"Then Mr. Cho called it to him."

"They went through the gate beside the shop."



Mina looked past the end of the bench.
A low hedge stood behind the stop.
She saw the top of a green gate.
A small brick shop was beside it.



"The hedge hides part of the path."
Max pointed from the sign toward the gate.
"We can only see the bench from here."
Ben thought about what he had missed.



"Could Mr. Cho be there now?"

The driver looked toward the shop.

"He could be," said Mr. Kim.

"Stay with me while we check."



Mr. Kim called from the open bus door.

"Mr. Cho, are you by the gate?"

The dog's ears went up again.

A man answered from behind the hedge.



"I'm here," the man called back.
He came out through the green gate.
He held a loop of blue lead.
The dog stood and wagged its tail.



Mr. Cho called, "Come here, Dot."
The dog walked straight to his side.
The blue lead was clipped to its collar.
Its middle had lain behind the bench.



Ben could see the whole lead now.

The hedge had hidden Mr. Cho.

The bench had hidden the blue lead.

Dot had been with someone all along.



Stop and Think

WHAT HAVE YOU READ SO FAR?

1. What did Ben see two mornings in a row?
2. Why did Ben ask Mr. Kim for help?
3. What did Mr. Kim see yesterday?
4. What had the hedge and bench hidden?



Make a Prediction

USE THE CLUES

1. Who might Dot be waiting for?
2. What might happen when the bus stops?
3. Which clues can you use?
4. Share your prediction with a partner.



"Why does Dot sit at the stop?"
Ben stayed on the step as he asked.
Mr. Cho scratched Dot behind an ear.
"She listens for someone on your bus."



Mina looked along the empty seats.
Max looked down at the old bench.
Dot watched the door without moving.
Ben wondered who she was waiting for.



The driver looked at his mirror.
A woman came up the bus aisle.
She wore a long gray coat.
A yellow bag hung from her arm.



As she stepped down, Dot stood up.
Her tail swept from side to side.
"Good morning, Dot," the woman said.
Dot walked toward her on the lead.



"This is my sister," Mr. Cho said.
"She takes the bus home after work."
"Dot waits with me when she comes home."
"Then we all walk back together."



The woman bent to greet Dot.
She held out the back of her hand.
Dot leaned gently against her leg.
Ben smiled at the dog's happy face.



"You were right about one thing."
Mina looked at Ben from the step.
"Dot was waiting for someone."
Ben nodded as he got on the bus.



"But I missed the man and the lead."

Ben looked out through the window.

Now he could see all three together.

They were walking past the green gate.



At school, Mina opened the drawing.
Ben added the hedge behind the bench.
Max drew a blue line to the gate.
Mina drew Mr. Cho at the other end.



"We drew only what we saw at first."
Ben pointed to the part with the bench.
"Then Mr. Kim told us what he saw."
Mina pointed to the path they had missed.



Their teacher looked over the drawing.
"What did you see with your own eyes?"
Max pointed to Dot and the red collar.
"We saw her in the same place twice."



"What did you think might be true?"

Ben looked at the first drawing again.

"I thought she might have lost her way."

"Then I asked someone who knew more."



Mina held the drawing toward Max.
"Can we show what happened next?"
Max drew a yellow bag near Dot.
Ben added Dot's tail in a big curve.



The next day, Ben saw the green gate.
It was open behind the bus stop.
Mr. Cho stood by it with Dot.
Ben could see the blue lead at once.



Mr. Cho raised his free hand to wave.

Dot sat down beside the bench.

Mina and Max waved from the sign.

Ben waited for the bus with them.



When the bus stopped, Dot's ears lifted.
The woman with the yellow bag got off.
Dot stood up and moved toward her.
Ben noticed the same little routine.



"She knows the sound of that bus."

Max listened as the doors closed.

"She knows who will get off, too."

Mina smiled as they found their seats.



That afternoon, Ben made a new page.
He drew two views of the bus stop.
One view showed Dot from the sign.
The other showed Mr. Cho by the gate.



He held the two pictures toward Mina.

"Both pictures are of the same stop."

"But we can see more from here."

Mina pointed to the second view.



On Friday, Dot sat by the bench again.
Ben looked first toward the green gate.
Mr. Cho was waiting in his usual place.
Ben waved as the bus came around.



Talk About the Story

LOOK BACK AT THE WHOLE STORY

1. Why did Ben think Dot was lost?
2. How did the driver help the children?
3. Who did Dot wait for each morning?
4. What did the second drawing show?



Think and Discuss

CONNECT THE STORY TO YOUR LIFE

1. How can two people see different things?
2. When did you ask someone for help?
3. What do you notice on a familiar trip?
4. How could you draw two different views?



Put the Pictures in Order

Look at the four pictures.

Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the boxes.



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

Point to the pictures and tell the story.

Tell the Story

USE THE FOUR PICTURES ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE

First ...

Next ...

Then ...

Finally ...



Draw Two Views

Draw a place from two different spots.

Write one thing you see in each view.

From here I see _____

From there I see _____



The End

Thank you for reading.

Look closely. Ask someone.

What might be just out of sight?

