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2. Why Dogs Wag Their Tails by David White

A ¹In the early days of the animals, the dog was trying to show his happiness but did not know how. ²He decided to ask his friends for help.

B ³The dog went to the cat. ⁴“You should try purring,” the cat said, purring.

C ⁵“You’re no help,” said the dog sadly.

D ⁶The dog went to the hyena. ⁷“You should try laughing,” the hyena said, laughing. ⁸“Look at me. ⁹I’m happy when I laugh.”

E ¹⁰“You’re no help,” said the dog sadly.

F ¹¹The dog went to the chimp. ¹²“You should try smiling,” she said with a grin. ¹³The dog tried to smile. ¹⁴The chimp tried not to laugh. ¹⁵“You’re right, my friend,” she said. ¹⁶“I thought it would help, but you don’t look happy.”

G ¹⁷The dog hung his head and walked away. ¹⁸Then he had an idea. ¹⁹He would go see the lion. ²⁰The lion was wise.

H ²¹“King of the Beasts, please tell me how to look happy,” the dog said.

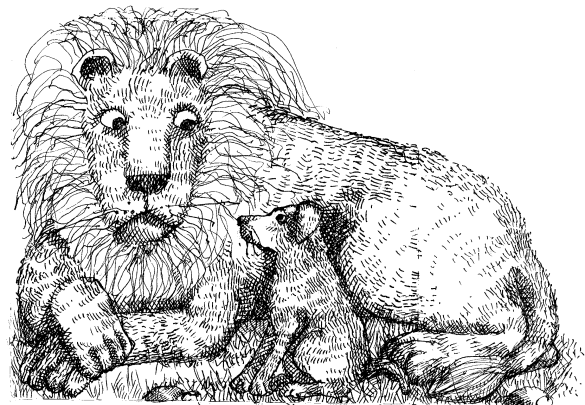
I ²²The lion yawned and said, “Think of something happy.”

J ²³The dog thought for a long while. ²⁴Finally, the dog thought how lucky he was to have friends like the cat, the hyena, and the chimp. ²⁵The dog’s tail twitched.

K ²⁶“Aha,” the lion said. ²⁷“I wondered how your happy feeling would show.”

L ²⁸“I felt it,” the dog said excitedly. ²⁹The tail moved even more. ³⁰“Wow!” the dog cried. ³¹“My tail shows how happy I am! ³²Thank you, lion!”

M ³³The dog bounded off. ³⁴He couldn’t wait to show his other friends! ³⁵As he ran along, his lively tail wagged after him.



DIRECTIONS: Circle the letter next to the correct answer or write the answer on the lines given. When asked, write the number of the sentence or the letter of the paragraph that is the best evidence.

1. Why did the dog tell the cat, “You’re no help”?

Which sentence is the best evidence? ____

2. Why did the hyena suggest that the dog should laugh?
- A. He wanted to make fun of the dog.
 - B. Laughing made the hyena happy.
 - C. Purring made the dog sound silly.
 - D. He was worried about the dog.

Which sentence is the best evidence? ____

3. What did the chimp think would happen if the dog smiled? The dog would
- A. look happy.
 - B. say he was sorry.
 - C. stop looking for friends.
 - D. become the chimp’s friend.

Which sentence is the best evidence? ____

4. In sentence 22, why did the lion tell the dog to think of something happy?

Which sentence is the best evidence? ____

5. What does the last paragraph suggest about how the dog felt when he left the lion?

Which sentence is the best evidence? ____