

"A Happy Visitor"

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

It is Thursday. It is raining today. It is a rainy day.

Anna is inside the house. Anna is watching TV. Anna is watching TV inside the house.

Anna cannot go outside. It is raining outside. Anna cannot go outside *because* it is raining outside.

Anna is bored.

Wait!

Anna hears someone at the door. Someone is at the door of her house.

Anna opens the door. What does Anna see?

Anna sees a dog. The dog is small. Anna sees a small dog.



The dog is wet. The dog is wet from the rain.

"Awww! You are all wet!" Anna says to the dog. "You are very cute!"

"Mom!" Anna says.

"Yes, dear?" says Anna's mom.

"There is a dog here! There is a dog at the door!" Anna says.

"What?" says Anna's mom. "A dog?"

Anna's mom comes to the door. Anna's mom sees the wet dog. The wet dog looks cute.

"Can we keep it?" asks Anna.



"Yes, we can," says Anna's mom.

The dog is happy.

Questions:

- 1) What is at the door of the house?
- A. a man
 - B. a cat
 - C. a dog
 - D. a snake
- 2) What happens at the end of the story?
- A. Anna keeps the dog.
 - B. Anna takes the dog to the hospital.
 - C. Anna's mom feeds the dog.
 - D. Anna dries the dog with a towel.

3) Is the dog **dry** or **wet**?

- A. The dog is dry.
- B. The dog is wet.

4) How does the wet dog look?

- I. strong
 - II. cute
 - III. small
- A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III

5) What day of the week is it in the story?

- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Thursday

Do you think Anna should keep the dog? Why or why not?

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

In the middle, the story says, “someone is at the door of” Anna’s house. Then, “Anna opens the door. What does Anna see? Anna sees a dog.” We can understand from this that a dog was at Anna’s door. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **A**

At the end of the story, “Anna's mom sees the wet dog.” Then Anna asks, “Can we keep it?” Next, Anna’s mom says, “Yes, we can.” We can understand from this that Anna keeps the dog. Therefore **(A)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **B**

In the middle, the story says, “The dog is wet.” Therefore **(B)** is correct. The dog is wet, not dry. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.

4) **C**

There is no information in the story about how strong the dog is. This eliminates **option (I)**. In the middle of the story, Anna says to the dog, “You are very cute!” This supports **option (II)**. In the middle of the story, it says, “The dog is small.” This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

5) **D**

At the beginning of the story we learn that “it is Thursday.” Therefore **(D)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.