

Intermediate Short Stories – “A Happy Visitor”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version

One morning, Anna heard a noise at the door. She opened it and saw a small dog sitting on the step.

“Mom, can we keep it?” she asked.

Her mom came out to see the dog. It was happy and full of energy.

“Well, we will have to make sure it is healthy.” she said.

They took the dog and drove to an animal clinic. The woman working at the front desk said hello to them. After a few minutes, an animal doctor was ready to see the dog.

He looked over the dog carefully and told them it was a healthy dog. He gave it some medicine through a needle to keep it from getting sick.

“I guess you can keep the dog, Anna.” said her mom.

“Hurray!” said Anna happily.



Advanced Version

One morning, Anna heard a noise at the door. She opened it and saw a small dog sitting on the step.

“Mom, can we keep it?” she asked.

Her mom came out to see the dog. It was happy and *energetic*.

“Well, we will have to make sure it is healthy.” she said.

They took the dog and drove to an animal clinic. The woman working at the front desk said hello to them. After a few minutes, a *veterinarian* was ready to see the dog.

He looked over the dog carefully and told them it was a healthy dog. He gave it an *injection* to keep it from getting sick.

“I guess you can keep the dog, Anna.” said her mom.

“Hurray!” said Anna *cheerfully*.

Questions:

1. Who finds the dog?
2. What is the dog like?
3. Why do they take the dog to the doctor?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does “*energetic*” mean? (*paragraph 3, sentence 2*)
2. What does “*veterinarian*” mean? (*paragraph 5, sentence 3*)
3. What does “*injection*” mean? (*paragraph 4, sentence 2*)
4. What does “*cheerfully*” mean? (*paragraph 5, sentence 1*)