

Beginning Short Stories – “An Adventure”

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

Jamie has a dog named Gogo.

Jamie and Gogo are bored. They want to do something new. They want to do something fun. They want to do something exciting.

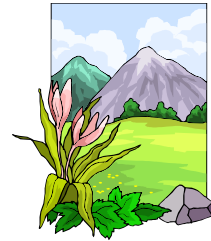
Jamie and Gogo walk out of the house. They walk across the yard. They walk across the field. They jump over the fence.

Jaime sees a mountain. The mountain is very tall. The top of the mountain is in the clouds. Jaime looks at the mountain.

“We are going to the top of that mountain,” Jaime says.

Gogo looks scared.

“Do not be scared,” Jaime says.



Gogo runs after Jaime. They walk toward the mountain. Jaime stops. He looks back at their home.

“I am a little tired,” Jaime says to Gogo. Gogo puts his tongue across Jaime’s face. Jaime turns around and starts walking home.

“Come on Gogo. We will climb the mountain tomorrow,” Jaime says.

Advanced Version

Jamie has a dog named Gogo.

Jamie and Gogo are bored. They want go on an *adventure*.

Jamie and Gogo walk out of the house. They walk across the yard. They walk across the field. They jump over the fence.

Jaime sees a mountain. The mountain is very tall. The top of the mountain is in the clouds. Jaime looks at the mountain.

“We’re going to the top of that mountain,” Jaime says.

Gogo looks scared.

“Don’t be scared,” Jamie says.

Gogo *follows* Jaime. They walk toward the mountain. Jaime stops. He looks back at their home.

“I am *kind of* tired,” Jaime says to Gogo. Gogo *licks* Jaime’s face. Jaime turns around and starts walking home.

“C’mon Gogo. We’ll climb the mountain tomorrow,” Jaime says.

Questions:

1. Where does Jaime want to go?
2. Where does Jaime go?

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 “*adventure*” mean? (*line 2*)
2. What does “*follow*” mean? (*paragraph 8*)
3. What does “*kind of*” mean? (*paragraph 9*)
4. What does “*lick*” mean? (*paragraph 9*)