

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Birthday Dog

Maria wanted a dog for her birthday.

"Maybe," her parents said.

"I will take care of the dog and feed it," Maria said.

"Maybe," her parents said.

On her birthday, Maria woke up early. She heard a noise from downstairs. It sounded like a dog barking. She ran downstairs.

There was a little dog! The dog was white with brown spots. It ran to Maria and licked her hand. Maria was very happy.

"I will name him Spot," she said. "He is the best birthday present ever!"

Used by permission of Measurement Incorporated

1. The dog's name is

- A. Happy.
 - B. Spot.
 - C. Maria.
-

2. Maria's parents said, _____ when she asked for a dog.

- A. "No"
 - B. "Maybe"
 - C. "Yes"
-

3. Maria heard a noise coming from

- A. upstairs.
 - B. the roof.
 - C. downstairs.
-

4. When the dog saw Maria, it

- A. wagged its tail.
 - B. licked her face.
 - C. licked her hand.
-

5. When Maria found out she got a dog for her birthday, she was

- A. angry.
 - B. happy.
 - C. sleepy.
-

6. Put the sentences in order from the beginning to the end of the story.

- 1. Maria named her dog.
- 2. Maria saw a dog with brown spots.
- 3. Maria wanted a dog for her birthday.
- 4. Maria heard a noise from downstairs.

- A. 3, 1, 2, 4
 - B. 4, 1, 3, 2
 - C. 3, 4, 2, 1
-

7. Maria's parents are important because they

- A. give Maria a dog.
 - B. live in a house.
 - C. take her to school.
-

8. What is the BEST name for this story?

- A. "Spot's Birthday"
 - B. "Maria Gets a Dog"
 - C. "Noises in the House"
-

9. Maria's parents gave her a dog because

- A. they did not mind the barking.
 - B. they did not want her to get a cat.
 - C. she said she would take care of and feed the dog.
-

10. What will Maria do next?

- A. Maria will play with Spot.
- B. Maria will go back to bed.
- C. Maria will watch television.

Answer Key

1. B) Spot.
2. B) "Maybe"
3. C) downstairs.
4. C) licked her hand.
5. B) happy.
6. C) 3, 4, 2, 1
7. A) give Maria a dog.
8. B) "Maria Gets a Dog"
9. C) she said she would take care of and feed the dog.
10. A) Maria will play with Spot.