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Some animals are little and cute, some animals are big and brave, and some animals are dirty! Read the story about a very dirty animal and then answer the questions that follow.

Dirty Henry

by Lucy Dickens

Henry never looked neat. Even when Lily brushed him, he still looked wild and wooly. As soon as Lily turned her back, Henry ran off with his friends and got dirty.

He jumped into muddy ponds, played hide and seek at the farmer's, searched the trash for tasty bones, dug for rabbits in burrows, and always rolled in the blackberry patch at the bottom of the garden before he came in for supper.

One day, Lily and her mother met him in the garden. "You're not coming in until Miss Pink has given you a shampoo and haircut!" scolded Lily's mother.

Lily dragged Henry to Miss Pink's. Henry looked at Miss Pink. "I do like a challenge!" she exclaimed to Lily. "Come back in two hours."

She grabbed Henry and plunged him into a sink full of hot soapy water. Just as Henry started to recover from the shock, Miss Pink turned a cold shower over his head.

At last, Henry was swept up into a warm, dry towel and rubbed all over. He even opened his eyes again. But there was worse to come.

Miss Pink whipped out a large brush and started pulling at the tangles and knots in Henry's hair. And when that was finished, she started to cut his hair with a snip! snap! snip!

Henry watched his hair fall to the floor in chunks. Then she put what was left of his hair into curlers and popped him under the hairdryer. Henry closed his eyes once more.

When Henry dared to open his eyes again, he blinked. "There!" stated Miss Pink with satisfaction. "Don't you look nice!"

But when Lily arrived to take him home, Henry wouldn't look at her. He slunk down the street. He wouldn't come out from under his favorite chair for supper.

But when no one was looking, Henry came out and ran into the garden. And that's where Lily found him—in the blackberry patch, rolling on his back.

"Oh, Henry!" she said as she hugged him. "I like you better when you're happy and dirty!"

1. Who decided that Henry must have a bath?

- A. Lily
 - B. Henry's friends
 - C. Miss Pink
 - D. Lily's mother
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2. Where did Henry like to roll on his back?

- A. in the sink
 - B. under the hairdryer
 - C. on his favorite chair
 - D. in the blackberry patch
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3. What kind of writing is "Dirty Henry"?

- A. poetry
 - B. nonfiction
 - C. folktale
 - D. fiction
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4. Which happened LAST in the story?

- A. Lily hugged Henry.
 - B. Lily took Henry home.
 - C. Miss Pink cut Henry's hair.
 - D. Lily and her mother met Henry in the garden.
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He jumped into muddy ponds, played hide and seek at the farmer's, searched the trash for tasty bones, dug for rabbits in burrows, and always rolled in the blackberry patch at the bottom of the garden before he came in for supper.

Which sentence BEST tells what happened in the paragraph?

- A. Henry did not like taking a bath.
 - B. Henry liked bones and blackberries.
 - C. Henry found many ways to get dirty.
 - D. Henry spent his days lying around the garden.
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6. How did Henry feel about getting a bath and haircut?

- A. unhappy
 - B. proud
 - C. pleased
 - D. excited
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Moving to a new home is sad if you have to leave a pet behind. Read this story about Faith and her pet, Josefina, and then answer the questions that follow.

from **The Josefina Story Quilt**

by Eleanor Coerr

It was May 1850. Faith was excited. They were going to California in a covered wagon. "Please," Faith asked Ma, "can I take Josefina?"

Josefina was her pet hen and Faith loved her. She liked the way Josefina snuggled in her arms. She liked the way Josefina followed her around. Ma was baking bread for the long journey. "Ask your Pa," she said.

Pa and Faith's brother, Adam, were loading the wagon. "Please, Pa," Faith said, "please can I take Josefina?"

"There is no room in the wagon for pets," Pa said.

"That isn't fair," said Faith. "Adam can bring his colt."

"A colt is not a pet," said Pa. "A colt can carry a load of corn. . . ."

Faith's eyes filled with tears. She ran back to the house. Ma sat down in the rocker and held Faith on her lap. "We all must leave things behind," she said gently. "I love this rocker, but there is no room for it in the wagon." Faith gulped down her sobs.

"I have looked after Josefina since she was a little chick," she said. "What will happen to her?"

"Perhaps a neighbor will take her," said Ma. . . .

Early in the morning the wagon was ready. It had blue trim and a white cloth roof. Ma stood back to admire it. "A big flowerpot on wheels!" she said. "Isn't it beautiful?"

Faith did not answer. She was worried about Josefina.

"Did you pack the food?" Ma asked Pa. "And my kitchen things?" Pa nodded. "Then that is everything except the bedding," said Ma. Faith thought sadly, "And Josefina."

7. Why can Adam bring his colt to California?

- A. It is small.
 - B. It eats very little.
 - C. It is useful.
 - D. It is friendly.
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8. Which kind of animal was Josefina?

- A. a cat
 - B. a hen
 - C. a dog
 - D. a colt
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9. Which did Ma have to leave behind?

- A. her colt
 - B. her rocker
 - C. her flowerpot
 - D. her kitchen things
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10. How did Faith feel when the wagon was ready?

- A. She was tired from loading the wagon.
- B. She was scared of riding in the wagon.
- C. She was worried about leaving Josefina.
- D. She was excited about going to California.

Answer Key

1. D) Lily's mother
2. D) in the blackberry patch
3. D) fiction
4. A) Lily hugged Henry.
5. C) Henry found many ways to get dirty.
6. A) unhappy
7. C) It is useful.
8. B) a hen
9. B) her rocker
10. C) She was worried about leaving Josefina.