Part Five

Vocabulary

Spend	Earn	Mongrel	Immediately	Silently	Leash	continued

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Vocabulary Exercise

Fill in a word from the vocabulary bank. Use each word once only. You may need to change the form of the word.

1. My dog is part Labrador and part Poodle. It's a .....

2. You must put your dog on a ..... when you take it out.

3. How much money do babysitters .....? I think they get 40 shekels an hour.

4. I need this work ..... I can't wait for it any longer.

Now read the next part of the story.

Wesley brought the dog to see me every two or three days. Of course, I didn't take a lot of money from him, but he spent the money that he earned on many other things for Duke. He told me that he bought fresh meat and special dog biscuits for his puppy.

"Duke looks very nice today," I said on one of the boy's visits to me. "I see he has a new collar."

The boy smiled. Then he looked up at me with serious eyes. "Is he getting better?"

"Well, he's about the same, Wes. That is what happens with distemper: it goes on and on without much change."

"When....will you know?" he asked in a scared voice.

I tried to smile to make him feel better. "There's one good thing about Duke – he is a mongrel. That makes it easier for him to fight sickness. Also, you are giving him good food to eat. That also helps."

I gave the dog another injection and told Wes to keep on feeding the dog well.

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The boy was back in three days. When I looked at his face, I knew that he had some great news.

"Duke is better! His eyes and nose are dry. He is eating like a horse," the boy said excitedly.

"I am very happy to hear that. You don't need to bring him again, but watch him carefully. If you see anything unusual, bring him to me immediately," I said.

The little boy smiled happily and almost danced out of the clinic. I hoped with all my heart that I would not see him in the clinic again.

Five days later, Wesley was back in the clinic with Duke.

"He's moving in a strange way,' the boy said in a scared voice.

At first, I didn't see anything. Then, as I was watching, I saw that the dog's head was moving in a strange way.

"I hoped that this would not happen, Wes. I'm afraid that.." I said slowly.

The boy suddenly looked small and lonely. He stood there silently, stroking the leash that was in his hand. It was so difficult for him to speak that he shut his eyes.

"Is he going to die?" he asked.

"Some dogs get better, Wes." I said, but I didn't tell him that I had seen it happen only once. "I have some different medicine that may help. I will give you some."

I gave him some medicine. I didn't know if it would help, but I didn't have anything else.

The next time Wes brought Duke, Duke's legs also moved strangely. I tried to tell Wesley that it was hopeless and the dog was going to die, but I couldn't.

Wesley continued to work hard and made me take the money for the treatment that I gave the dog. I didn't want to take the money, but Wesley always left money on my table.

One afternoon, Wesley came in without Duke.

"I couldn't bring Duke," he said very quietly. "He can't walk now. Will you come and see him?"

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I agreed to visit Duke. We got into my car and Wesley told me where he lived. It was a Sunday afternoon. The streets were quiet. We didn't talk while I was driving. I could see that Wesley was very sad.

Answer the questions in full sentences.

1. How did Wesley spend the money that he earned?

Answer: _____

2. Why did the dog look nice?

Answer: _____

3. Why was it good that the dog was a mongrel?

Answer: _____

4. Why was Wesley excited?

Answer: _____

5. Wesley was very happy when he left the clinic. Why did he go back to the vet five days later?

Answer: _____

6. In the text it says, "...the dog was going to die, but I couldn't." What couldn't the vet do?

Answer: _____

7. Why did Wesley go to the vet without the dog?

Answer: _____

8. What did the vet agree to do?

Answer: _____

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