

READ THE PASSAGE Think about what a real dog can do.

Sparky the Wonder Dog

Bella's dog Sparky likes to run and explore. Bella thinks that Sparky is like a magician. One moment Sparky is in the backyard and then, all of a sudden, he's gone!

Sparky escaped again last week, so Bella set out to find him. She called out Sparky's name as she walked. Bella even shook Sparky's bag of dog chow. "Treats! Treats!" yelled Bella. Sparky loved his treats, but he did not appear.

Then Bella stopped. She smelled some meat grilling. She spotted a cloud of smoke from behind a house. Bella headed there and peeked in the yard. Sure enough, there was Sparky. He stood on his hind legs in front of a grill. Sparky was whistling and flipping burgers. Bella could see Sparky's mouth drool. Bella wondered where Sparky got the apron he was wearing.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Circle the word or words, and complete the sentence.

I (would would not) like to have Sparky as a pet because _____

SKILL PRACTICE Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.**1. What can really happen?**

- Ⓐ A dog can cook burgers.
- Ⓑ A dog can run away.
- Ⓒ A dog can whistle.
- Ⓓ A dog can do magic.

3. Which word best describes Sparky?

- Ⓐ well-behaved
- Ⓑ clever
- Ⓒ angry
- Ⓓ lucky

2. What is make-believe in the story?

- Ⓐ A girl looks for a missing dog.
- Ⓑ A dog likes treats.
- Ⓒ A dog cooks burgers.
- Ⓓ A dog stands on its back legs.

4. Which one can be said about Sparky?

- Ⓐ Sparky is a small dog.
- Ⓑ Sparky has run away before.
- Ⓒ Sparky never leaves the backyard.
- Ⓓ Sparky comes when he is called.