

UNIT 8



1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- Where is this house?
- How old is it?
- Can you guess who lived there?

Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again.

- What do you think this story is about?
- Can you guess what happens?

Man's Best Friend

A long time ago, in a small house in Scotland, two friends lived together. Their names were John and Bobby.

John and Bobby were not rich, but they were happy. They had a warm fire when it was cold outside. They had good food to eat when they were hungry. They were never lonely because they had each other.

John and Bobby liked to take long walks together. After their walk, John usually cooked dinner. John and Bobby ate dinner and then sat in front of the fire. They had a simple but good life.

Then, in the spring of 1858, John got sick and died. He was buried in a cemetery in Edinburgh, Scotland. After John was buried,

Bobby stood at John's grave and cried. "Come on, Bobby," friends said. "It's time to go home." Bobby went home, but later he returned to the cemetery. He sat down near John's grave. He stayed there all night.

Bobby stayed at the cemetery the next day, and the next day, and the next. For the next 14 years, Bobby never left the cemetery. When the weather was cold or rainy, he slept in a small house at the cemetery. When the weather was warm, he slept on the ground near John's grave.

Finally, in 1872, Bobby died, too. Friends buried him in a little grave near John. Why was Bobby's grave little? Bobby, John's best friend, was a dog.

2. VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words below.

grave lonely simple ground

1. John had no wife or children, but he had his dog, Bobby. John and Bobby were always together. So, John was not alone, and he was not sad. He was not lonely.
2. Every day John took a long walk with his dog. Then he went home to his small house and cooked dinner. After dinner he sat in front of the fire. John had a _____ life.
3. John was buried in a cemetery in Edinburgh. After he was buried, Bobby stood at his _____ and cried.
4. When the weather was cold or rainy, Bobby slept in a small house at the cemetery. But when the weather was warm, he slept outside, on the _____.

3. COMPREHENSION

REMEMBERING DETAILS

One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. Two friends lived together in a ~~big~~^{small} house in Scotland.
2. Their names were John and Sammy.
3. In the spring of 1958, John got sick and died.
4. He was buried in a cemetery in Edinburgh, Ireland.
5. Bobby lived in the cemetery for four years.
6. When Bobby died, friends buried him in a large grave.
7. Bobby, John's best friend, was a man.

REVIEWING THE STORY

Complete each sentence. Then read the story again and check your answers.

John and Bobby lived together in a small house. They were not
_____ ¹ *rich* _____, but they were happy. They had a warm
_____ ² _____ when it was cold outside. They had good food to eat
when they were _____ ³ _____. They were never
_____ ⁴ _____ because they had each other.

After John died, Bobby lived in the cemetery. When the weather was cold or
_____ ⁵ _____, he slept in a small house at the cemetery. When the
_____ ⁶ _____ was warm, he slept on the ground near John's grave.
He lived in the cemetery for 14 _____ ⁷ _____, until he died in 1872.

FINDING CLUES IN THE STORY

When did you know that Bobby was a dog—at the end of the story, or before the end? Which sentences in the story tell you that *maybe* Bobby was a dog? Underline them. Then read the sentences to the class.

4. WRITING

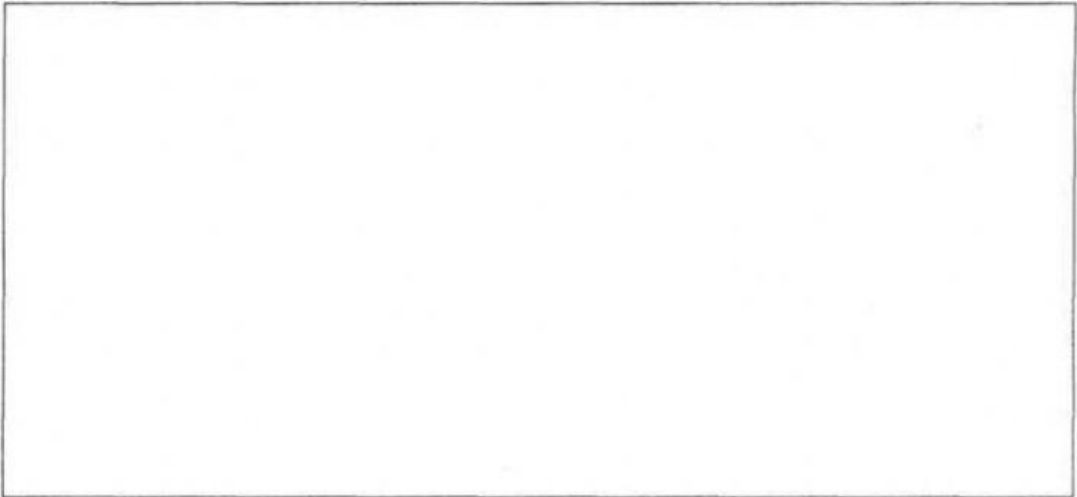
Bobby was a famous dog. People came to the cemetery to see him and bring him food. After he died, the people of Edinburgh put a statue of Bobby outside the cemetery.

Bobby died more than 100 years ago, but he is still famous. Every year thousands of tourists go to Edinburgh to see Bobby's grave and his statue.



The Statue of Bobby

Think about a city you know very well. Is there a place tourists always visit—a building, a park, a bridge, or a statue? Draw a picture of it. Then write about it. Complete the sentences.



The name of this place is _____.

It is in _____.

Many people go there because _____.

I think it is _____.

5. DISCUSSION

Read your sentences to a partner. Show your partner your drawing. Tell your partner a little more about the place you drew.