**The Talking Dog**

Last Saturday, Ali was walking home from school when he saw a small dog near the playground. The dog looked friendly, but it was strange because it seemed to be watching him carefully. Ali stopped and said, "Hello, little dog."

To Ali's surprise, the dog suddenly spoke! It said, "Hello, Ali. My name is Max, and I can talk!" Ali rubbed his eyes and asked, "Am I dreaming?" Max nodded and said, "No, this is real." Ali was both scared and excited.

Max told Ali that he had learned to talk because he listened to humans every day. He said, "I only talk to people I trust." Ali and Max talked for a few minutes about school, homework, and Ali's favourite food. Then Max said he had to go home before sunset.

Ali ran home and told his parents about Max, but they laughed and said, "Dogs cannot talk. Are you joking?" Ali was unsure. He wondered if what he saw was **fact or fiction**. That night, he looked out the window and saw Max waving his paw. Ali smiled and whispered, "Maybe some things are real… even if they seem impossible."

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Who did Ali see near the playground?
2. What was strange about the dog?
3. What did the dog say to Ali?
4. Why could the dog talk, according to Max?
5. How did Ali's parents react when he told them?
6. What did Ali see at the end of the story?
7. Do you think the story is fact or fiction? Why?

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