Helping Hally



Sam was sitting on the couch, watching television. His mom walked in the door with Hally, their dog. Hally walked right over to Sam and licked him hello. "Hi, Hally! How was your checkup?" Sam asked. Hally just looked at Sam. "We have to help Hally," said Mom. "Help her how?" asked Sam. "Do you remember when we went to pick up Hally from her litter? We picked her because she looked like her mom. She is brown with spots, with long ears, and she was energetic, so we thought she'd be strong, like her mom. But how does she look now?" Mom asked. "Well," thought Sam, "She's still brown with spots and long ears, but she's not very energetic or strong anymore."

"That's what the vet said, too. We haven't been letting her exercise as much, and we've been feeding her a lot. She would probably look just like her mom now if we had walked her more. We have to start walking her more often, so that she'll stay healthy for a long time. Will you help?"

"Sure!" said Sam. He decided that he could play fetch with her every day in the yard, because then she could run and run and run until she was tired. The first day, they only played fetch for about 10 minutes before Hally was tired. But Sam kept playing with her every day. Soon, they could play for an entire half an hour! Hally looked stronger every day, just like her Mom. Sam felt great about helping Hally get strong again.

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Questions:

1. Who are the characters in the story? Select them.

Sam Mom Dad Sam's Friend

Hally the Neighbor Hally the Dog

2. What is the setting of the story in the beginning?

a) In the yard
b) In Sam's living room
c) Outside
d) At the park

3. What is the plot of this story?
   a) Hally and her Mom wanted to help her dog Sam get stronger
   b) Mom told Sam he could not have a dog anymore
   c) Sam and his Mom wanted to help his dog Hally get stronger
   d) Hally the dog is fat and will get fed more food

4. What is a good theme for this story?
   a) Don't over feed animals
   b) Don't give up
   c) Bravery
   d) Good vs. Evil

5. Which of these parts of the story happened in the middle of the story?
   a) Hally got stronger
   b) Hally went to the vet
   c) Sam was on the couch

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d) Mom asked Sam to help

6. What is the conflict in the story? Select the answer.

7. What is the resolution in the story? Select the answer.

8. Which word can be used to describe Sam?

Unhelpful helpful energetic mean

9. What kind of character is Hally? Select the answer.

10. What is the setting of the last part of the story?

a) In the yard
b) In Sam's living room
c) Outside
d) At the park

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