

READ THE PASSAGE Stop after each paragraph and ask yourself what will likely happen next.

Saturday Fun

Dad and Rusty have a Saturday routine. They play catch in the morning. Around noon, Rusty heads out her dog door. She walks into the yard to her favorite spot under the oak tree. The grass there is smashed flat from her body. Rusty turns around three times and then lands with a sigh. She curls up in the grass and lays her head on her paws. She begins snoring in less than a minute.

Dad watches a ballgame for a few hours. Then he glances at his watch and gets up from the chair. Dad pats his pants' pocket to make sure his house keys are inside. Then he walks to the kitchen and opens a drawer. He drags out a long red leash and he whistles.

Rusty's head pops up like a jack-in-the-box. She knows what that whistle means. Rusty dashes through her dog door and stops in front of Dad. Her tail wags as she looks up at Dad. She likes seeing the leash in his hand.

SKILL PRACTICE Read the item. Write your response.

1. What will Dad and Rusty do next? How do you know?

2. Based on Rusty's name, what do you think she looks like?

3. How does Rusty feel about the leash? Support your answer with text evidence.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Share with a partner what you know about dogs and the things they can do.