

READ THE PASSAGE Think about what could happen.

Come! Sit! Wink!

Cocoa was a frisky puppy. He had more energy than a schoolyard full of kids. And Cocoa always did as he pleased. He ran when he was told to sit, and he dashed when he was told to stay. Mrs. Wolski, his owner, decided to take Cocoa to a school for dogs. She wanted him to learn doggy manners.

The school was a fenced-off space in a big pet store. Mrs. Wolski placed Cocoa on the floor next to a pug named Princess. Cocoa immediately nudged the pug with his elbow and winked. "Wanna go scare those cats?" he asked.

Princess shook her head and replied, "I am as perfect as my name."

"Well, how about some treats?" Cocoa pointed his paw to a shelf full of small bags. "I can rip open a bag with one bite," he boasted.

"**N-O** spells **NO**," said Princess. "I want to be the best student in the class."

Hmm...being the best sounded like a good idea to Cocoa. He sat still and listened to the teacher. He knew that Princess would be impressed!

SKILL PRACTICE Read the item. Write your response.

1. When did you first know that this story couldn't happen?

2. What comparison is made in the first paragraph? Why did the author do this?

3. What does Princess do that a real dog wouldn't do?

STRATEGY PRACTICE Tell a way that Cocoa behaves like a dog you know or have seen.
