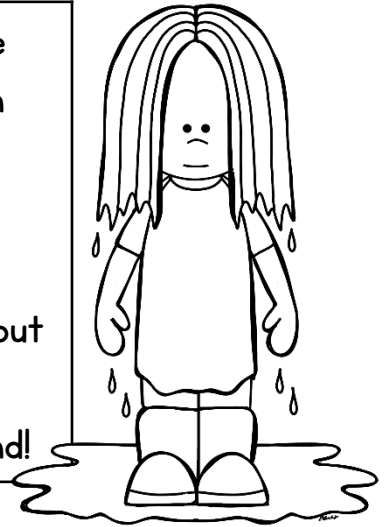


SYBIL *gets* SOAKED

Sybil wanted to take her dog, Fuzzy, for a walk around the local park. The sun was shining and there was a lovely warm breeze. Sybil's stepdad warned her that it was supposed to rain, but Sybil just laughed and said she doubted it!

When Sybil and Fuzzy arrived at the park, there wasn't a cloud in the sky. Sybil knew her stepdad had been wrong about the rain. But then, when she wasn't paying attention, Fuzzy pulled hard on the lead. Sybil fell headfirst into the duck pond!



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1) What did Sybil want to do at the park?

2) How did Sybil get soaked?

3) Why do you think Sybil laughed at her stepdad?

4) Why do you think Fuzzy might have pulled hard on the lead?

JASPER *and* THE RACE

Jasper was an excellent long distance runner. Every day after school he trained with his coach. Jasper hoped to win a gold medal at the Junior Athletics Meet in September.

When September came, Jasper's grandma had to go to hospital. Jasper was very sad and didn't feel like running at the meet. However, when Jasper visited his grandma, she smiled and encouraged him to compete.

After thinking about it, Jasper decided he would give it a try.



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1) What did Jasper hope to do in September?

2) Why did Jasper not feel like running when September came along?

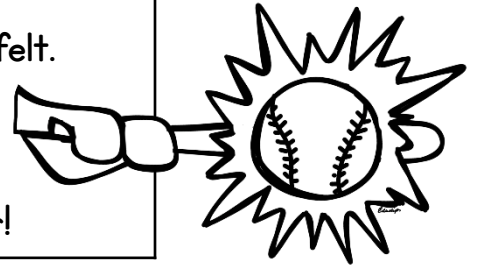
3) Why did Jasper decide to compete in the meet?

4) What place do you think Jasper came in the race? How do you know?

SANDY *hates* BASEBALL

Sandy's little brother, Nick, played baseball on Saturdays. Sandy hated going to the field and sitting in the stands. Instead of getting up at seven o'clock, she wanted to stay in bed and read science fiction novels.

Nevertheless, Sandy never told her parents how she felt. When Nick was a baby, he had been very sick. Sandy knew how wonderful it was that Nick was well enough to play sport. Also, he was a really good player!



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1) What did Sandy do on Saturdays?

2) What did Sandy want to do instead of going to baseball?

3) Why did Sandy never tell her parents about how she really felt?

4) Do you think Sandy should keep her true feelings a secret? Why/Why not?
