

CHAPTER 1

I am a **puppy**. My name is Goldie. I live on a farm. I have many brothers and sisters. We run around and play games. We have lots of fun. My mother is a big dog, and she **looks after** us. She is not happy.

“What’s wrong?” I ask.

“Nothing. I am okay. I love you. I will always love you,” my mother says. Why does she say that? I don’t understand. I am **confused**.

A man comes to the farm. He has a little girl. They talk to the farmer. They watch us playing. The little girl points at me.

puppy (n) a young dog

look after (phrasal verb) to take care of someone or something

confused (adj) unable to understand or think clearly



We run around and play games. We have lots of fun.

The farmer walks over to me. He picks me up and gives me to the little girl. I **whine**. I want to go to play.

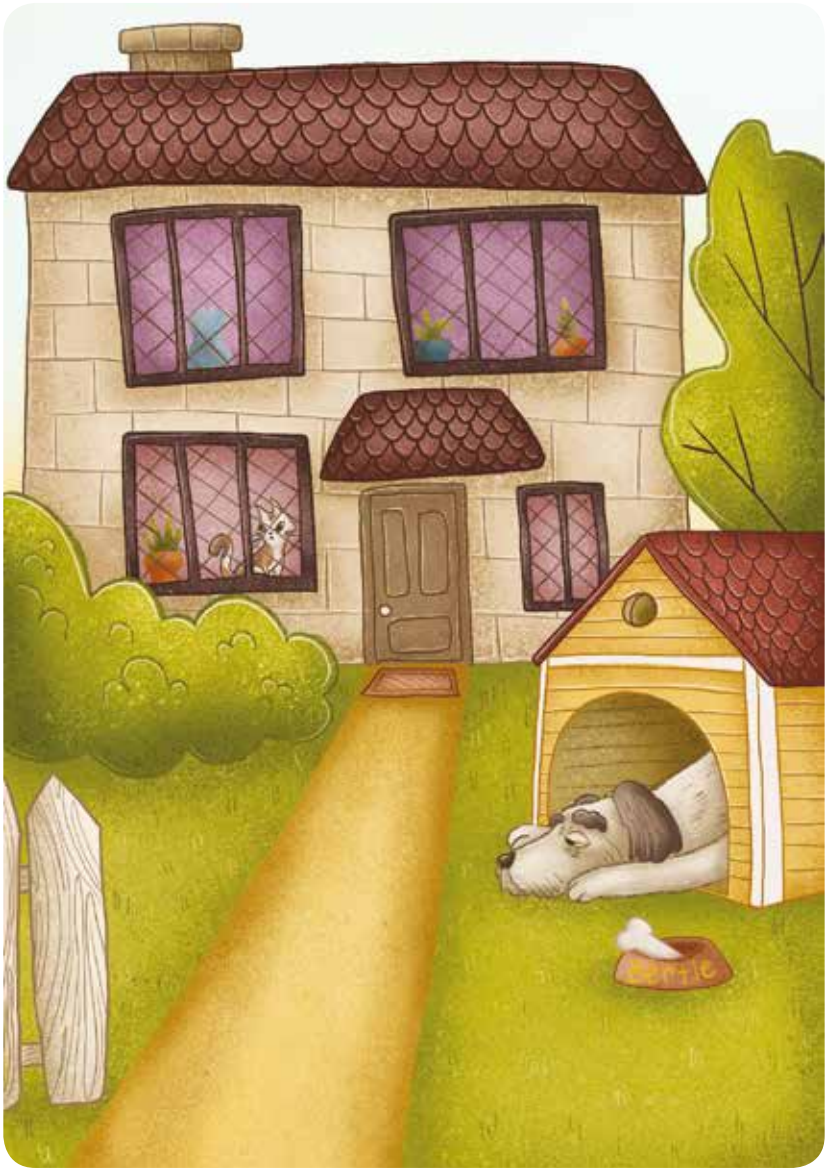
whine (v) to make a high, crying sound

The father gives the farmer some money, and the little girl takes me to her car. She puts me in the back. I look out of the window. I see my mother. She is crying. I start crying too.

The father and the little girl take me away. I don't live on the farm now. They take me to a big house. It is in a town, and it has a big garden. There is an old dog in the garden. He looks very grumpy. There is a cat at the window.



I look out of the window.



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The cat watches the little girl. The little girl takes me out of the car. The cat looks very angry. It **disappears** from the window. I miss my mother, brothers and sisters.

The old dog watches the little girl.

“Bertie, this is Goldie. You will be friends and you will look after him,” the little girl says. Bertie is the old dog. He looks at me. He **snorts** and then closes his eyes. He does not like me.

The little girl takes me into the house.

“Is this the puppy?” her mother asks.

“Yes, his name is Goldie,” the little girl says.

“You will look after him,” her mother says.

“I will,” the little girl says.

disappear (v) to stop being visible; to become impossible to see
snort (v) to breathe air in a noisy way out through your nose

CHAPTER 2

My new home is very **strange**. It is not like the farm. I sleep in a soft bed. It is in the kitchen. It smells different. I **explore** the house. The cat sees me. She follows me around. She **hisses** at me.

“My name is Goldie. Who are you?” I ask.

“I am Queenie. This is my house. I am in charge,” the cat says.

“The little girl and her family own the house,” I say.

“They give me food and toys. They give me everything. Actually, I own them,” Queenie says.

“Then what about me?” I ask.

strange (adj) not normal; unusual

explore (v) to look around a place or to learn more about it

hiss (v) to produce a sound like a long “s”

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test 1

Are the following sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)?

1. The father buys Goldie from a farm. T / F
2. The cat's name is Queenie. T / F
3. The cat is very nice to Goldie. T / F
4. Bertie plays with Goldie. T / F
5. The little girl plays with Goldie. T / F
6. The little girl loves Goldie. T / F
7. The father wants to take Bertie to the vet. T / F
8. Goldie walks the little girl home. T / F
9. Bertie dies and Queenie replaces him. T / F
10. The burglars are not afraid of Goldie. T / F
11. Goldie bites one of the burglars. T / F
12. The police take the burglars away. T / F
13. Goldie doesn't go on holiday with the family. T / F
14. The bear hurts Goldie. T / F

Test 2

Who said this in the story? *Goldie, Bertie, the mother, the father, the police*

1. "What's wrong?"
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2. "Is this the puppy?"
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3. "Queenie is a liar. Don't trust her."
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4. "Bertie is very old. He can't walk now."
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5. "I will not take Bertie to the vet."
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6. "I am really sorry for you."
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7. "You are the little girl's puppy."
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8. "Goodbye old friend."
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9. "Call the police."
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10. "Ah, we are looking for these two."
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11. "Goldie, this is Samson."
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12. "Thanks for the memories, old friend."
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GRAMMAR CHECK

Test 1

Correct the verbs written in bold.

1. The cat **watches** the little girl.

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2. Bertie **lyes** on the grass.

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3. The little girl **lookes** after Goldie.

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4. She takes me outside. She **throwes** the ball.

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5. Goldie **playes** with the little girl.

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6. Goldie **guardes** the family.

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7. Ten years pass and Bertie **dyes**.

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8. Goldie **growles** at the burglars.

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9. The father **buryes** Bertie.

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10. Queenie **laughes** at Goldie.

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11. The mother **calles** the police.

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Test 2

Write the question form of these sentences.

1. Goldie has many brother and sisters.
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2. The father and the little girl take him away.
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3. Goldie lives on the farm.
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4. Goldie misses his mother, brothers and sisters.
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5. Goldie chases Queenie.
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6. They give him food and toys.
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7. The little girl plays with Goldie.
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8. The father buries Bertie.
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9. Goldie growls at the burglars.
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10. The father strokes Goldie's head.
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VOCABULARY CHECK

Test-1

Fill in the blanks with the words below. Use the verbs in the correct form of the present tense.

pat	steal	sad	scared	paw
chase	guard	puppy	grass	asleep

1. She looks because she can't find her phone.
2. Goldie the house all day.
3. The burglars run away, and the police them.
4. The father Goldie on the head and takes him inside.
5. I am of snakes.
6. Is he still? It's 11 o'clock!
7. The little girls loves dogs. Her father buys her a from the farm.
8. The burglars lots of things from people.
9. The bear hits me with its big I fall down.
10. Goldie is old now. He lies on the outside the house.