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A Walk With My Dog

by Alice Knisley Matthias

My dog and I take a walk down the street,
And we say "hello" to people we meet.
There's Mike the baker, outside of his shop.
As we get closer he tells us to stop.
He gives me a piece of freshly baked cake,
And out of his pocket a biscuit for Jake.
There's Mrs. McGinn, a teacher from school.
She has two children, a dog, and a pool.
Say "hi" to Rory, who works on his truck.
It won't get started so we wish him luck.
Along comes Bridget who just learned to drive.
She gives Jake a pat and me a high-five.
We're back from our walk, the mail truck now parks.
I know that it's there since Jake always barks.
It's Bill the mailman who never comes late.
Arriving at noon, he opens the gate.
"Here is your mail now for house number three."
"Does Jake save that bark for when he sees me?"



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Match each character from the poem to their description.
Write the correct letter on each line.

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| _____ 1. Mrs. McGinn | a. a mail carrier |
| _____ 2. Bridget | b. a dog |
| _____ 3. Jake | c. a mother and schoolteacher |
| _____ 4. Mike | d. a girl who just got her driver's license |
| _____ 5. Bill | e. a man who owns a bakery |
6. What problem does Rory have?
- _____
7. Which fact about the mailman is true?
- a. He comes before noon every day.
 - b. He is usually running late.
 - c. He always gives Jake a biscuit.
 - d. He sometimes forgets the house number.
8. Which piece of information is not mentioned in the poem?
- a. where Jake and his owner are walking
 - b. the first name of the mailman
 - c. the first name of Jake's owner
 - d. the house number where Jake and his owner live

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Why did you choose this word to describe her? _____

2. Which word probably describes Rory? cheerful handy strong

Why did you choose this word to describe him? _____

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Why did you choose this word to describe him? _____

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Vocabulary Activity

The words below are scrambled words from the poem.
Unscramble each word and write it on the line.

1.

t	u	c	i
i	b	s	

Clue: a snack for a dog

2.

c	o	p
t	e	k

Clue: place in pants or a jacket for holding things

3.

a	g
e	t

Clue: part of a fence that opens so people can walk through

4.

r	c	i	d
h	l	e	n

Clue: young people

5.

k	a	b
r	e	

Clue: person who makes bread, cakes, muffins, and bagels

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c	u	

Clue: type of vehicle



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Why did you choose this word to describe her?

She works as a teacher and takes care of her children and a dog.

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Why did you choose this word to describe him?

He knows how to fix trucks.

3. Which word probably describes Bridget? elderly teenager short

Why did you choose this word to describe her?

Many people who have just learned to drive are teenagers. She's probably not elderly because an elderly person probably wouldn't be learning to drive. The poem says nothing about her height.

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Why did you choose this word to describe him?

Mike gives Jake a biscuit and his owner a piece of cake.

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Why did you choose this word to describe him?

Someone who delivers mail is probably a hard-worker.

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