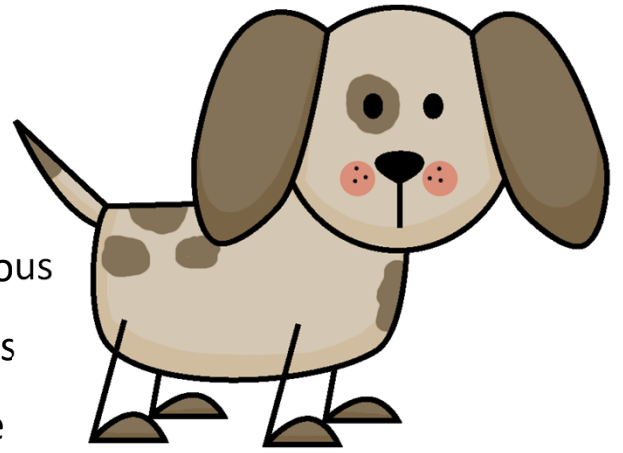# Tucker

Tucker was a brave dog who lived with his owners near the forest. Tucker was also a curious pup and loved to explore the nearby forest. His owners always trusted him and knew when he went exploring, he would always come back home. One day, he was out on an adventure in the woods near his house. Suddenly, Tucker heard a loud noise. It sounded like a creature in distress. He followed the noise and came to a clearing. He saw a small, furry animal caught in a trap. Tucker knew he had to help the poor creature. He used his teeth to carefully release it from the trap. The animal ran away, but Tucker wasn't done yet. He had to find out what had caused the creature to be trapped. Tucker was a very smart dog and when he noticed a trail of broken branches and footprints, he decided to see where they led to. He soon came to small log cabin in the woods. He peeked in the window and saw a man making traps. Tucker knew the man would be setting more traps out in the forest. Tucker knew he had to act fast. He barked and barked until the man came outside. He growled and showed his teeth, scaring the man away. Tucker quickly ran back to the clearing. He found more traps and destroyed them all. He felt he had saved the day and was proud of himself. On the way home, Tucker thought about what he had done. He knew he had done the right thing. He had saved an innocent animal in distress and stopped others from being trapped.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer <u>according to the reading passage:</u>

1. What kind of noise did Tucker hear?

a. soft

b. loud

c. snapping

2. From the sentence: 'the noise sounded like a creature in *distress'***, what might distress mean?**

a. mad

b. suffering

c. happy

3. What did Tucker use to release the animal from the trap?

a. his paws

b. his claws

c. his teeth

4. What did Tucker do to scare the man away?

a. growled and chased him

b. barked and showed his teeth

c. snarled and bit him

5. What did Tucker do when he ran back to the clearing?

a. found the traps and destroyed them all

b. buried all the traps

c. dragged all the traps back to the cabin

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Describe the type of dog you think Tucker is using various adjectives.
2. How is Tucker similar and different than another pet that you know?
3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
4. What images go through your mind as you read about Tucker?

➢ Could this story be a true story? Explain
➢ Explain what the author means by '*an innocent animal in distress'*
➢ Why do you think the man in the forest was setting traps?
➢ Would you like a dog like Tucker? Why or why not?
➢ Could this story work in a different setting? Explain why or why not.
➢ What does this reading passage make you think or wonder about?