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Ian's New Dog

by Anita Amin

In his yard on a sunny morning, Ian played with his new dog.

"What should I name my new dog?" Ian asked his dad.

"How about Spot?" Dad asked. "Your dog has a brown spot on his face."

Ian frowned. "No, there are too many dogs named Spot."

Ian picked up a stick. He threw it. "Fetch!" Ian yelled to his dog.

The dog wagged its tail and got the stick. The dog dropped the stick at Ian's feet.

"Good boy." Ian patted his dog's head. "What else could I name him?"

"How about Trixie?" Dad asked. "Your dog knows some good tricks. He can get a stick. And your dog can roll over."

Ian frowned. "Trixie is a nice name, but not for my dog. It sounds like a girl's name. My dog needs a boy's name."

Ian picked up a small ball. He threw it. "Fetch!" Ian yelled to his dog.

The dog wagged his tail and got the ball. The dog dropped the ball at Ian's feet.

"Good boy." Ian patted his dog's head. "What else could I name him?"

"I don't know," Dad said. "But your dog sure does wag its tail a lot."

"That's it!" Ian said. "I'll name my dog Sir Wags-a-Lot." Ian patted his dog's head. Ian asked his dog, "Do you like that name?"

Sir Wags-a-Lot barked and wagged his tail.



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4. What did Ian name his dog?

5. What is this story mostly about?
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 - b. a boy teaching his dog to do tricks
 - c. a boy choosing a name for his new dog
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- The image shows a matching exercise with six items on the left and six on the right. Red lines connect the items as follows: 1. stick to branch of a tree; piece of wood, 2. frowned to made a sad face, 3. tricks to things a pet can do, 4. wag to move back and forth, 5. fetch to bring back, and 6. yelled to shouted.