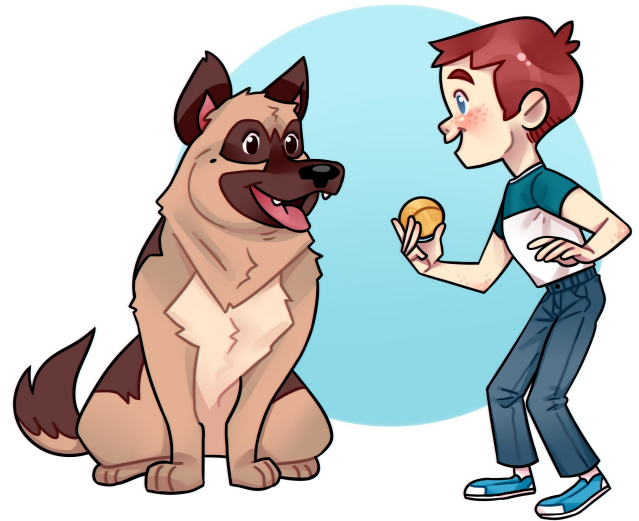


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Locked Out

By Kelly Hashway

Trevor walked home from the bus stop. It was the first time his parents wouldn't be home to greet him after school. They had a meeting with his older brother's principal at the high school, and Trevor begged them to let him stay home. He was excited to finally have the house to himself.



He took his key from his pocket and opened the door. Trevor was greeted by his two German shepherds, Molly and Ajax. "Hey, guys. Just me." Trevor locked the front door behind him, like he'd promised his parents he would. He put his key on the table next to the couch and tossed his book bag down on the floor. "What should I do first?"

Trevor turned on the TV and got a snack from the kitchen. After watching a few shows and eating more than he should, Trevor was bored. He looked at the two dogs. "Want to go outside and play?" He picked up two tennis balls and walked to the sliding glass door, leading to the deck. He slid the wooden bar out of the door and placed it on the floor. His mother insisted on keeping the bar in the door even though there was already a lock. She said it provided *extra protection*.

The dogs pushed their way outside and Trevor ran to catch up, slamming the door behind him. He chased the dogs all around the house. When he got tired, he threw the tennis balls high in the air. "Come on, Molly, get the ball." Molly jumped up and got it before it bounced. "Good girl!"



Trevor threw the next ball to Ajax. "Good boy, catch it like Molly did." Several throws later, Trevor and the dogs were tired and cold. "Time to go inside and warm up." Trevor led the dogs to the deck and tugged on the back door. It wouldn't budge. "Huh?" He peeked in and saw the bar was back in the door. His cat, Misha, was lying up against it, sleeping in the sunlight shining through the sliding glass door.

"No! We're locked out." He ran to the front door and tugged on it. Locked. He tried all the windows on the first floor. Locked. Trevor sat on the back deck and waited until his parents came home.

His mom opened the sliding glass door. "What are you doing out here?"

"Misha locked us out." Trevor rushed inside and to the fireplace to warm up.

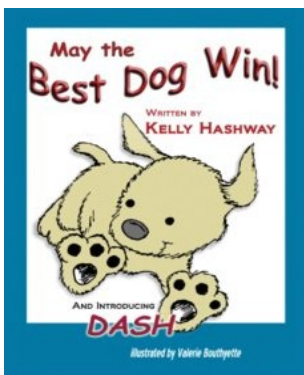
"Being home alone wasn't exactly what you thought it would be, huh?" Mom asked.

"I know one thing for sure," Trevor said.

"What's that?"

"Next time I'm home alone and I go out to play with the dogs, I'm bringing my house key."

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d. indifferent

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b. peered

3. _____ several

c. to move slightly

4. _____ tugged

d. small metal item for unlocking locks

5. _____ key

e. breed of dog

6. _____ peeked

f. soft, yellow, rubber, bouncy toy

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g. feeling of having nothing worthwhile to do

8. _____ tennis ball

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In the story, "Locked Out," Trevor is home alone for the first time.

If you were Trevor's parents, what rules would you put in place for Trevor when he is home alone? List four "Home Alone" rules and explain why each one is important.

ANSWER KEY

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They were meeting with the principal at his older brother's school.

2. How did Trevor feel about being home alone? **b**
- a. worried
b. **excited**
c. confused
d. indifferent

3. About how long was Trevor home alone? **c**
- a. fifteen minutes
b. thirty minutes
c. **two hours**
d. twelve hours

How did you determine the best answer to the question above?

He had time to watch a few TV shows, eat snacks, and play with his dogs. He could not have done this in 15 or 30 minutes. Twelve hours is not a reasonable amount of time for a school meeting.

4. Explain how Trevor got locked out of the house.

There was a wooden bar that is placed behind the sliding glass door to keep it from opening. Trevor had moved it to go outside, but his cat had pushed it back into place, preventing the door from opening.

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