“When I grow up, I want to be a bird house painter,” Ian told his dad. Ian had a bird house but he didn’t have paint.

So, he and Dad walked to the shop. Ian’s dog, Sir Wags-a-Lot, went too.

On the way, Ian asked Sir Wags-a-Lot, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

He saw some police and their dog. The dog smelled the grass.

Ian told Sir Wags-a-Lot. “Do you want to be a dog that helps sick kids?”

Sir Wags-a-Lot barked again.

At home, Ian painted his bird house. “Sir Wags-a-Lot, what do you want to be when you grow up?”

Sir Wags-a-Lot ran away.

“Where is that dog going?” Dad asked.

Sir Wags-a-Lot came back with a paint brush. He painted the bird house.

“Sir Wags-a-Lot wants to paint bird houses when he grows up, too!” Ian said.
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1. In the story, which question does Ian ask Sir-Wags-a-Lot first?
   a. “Do you want to be a dog that helps sick kids?”
   b. “What do you want to be when you grow up?”
   c. “Do you want to be a police dog?”
   d. “Do you want to be a guide dog?”

2. How does Ian know that Sir-Wags-a-Lot wants to be a bird house painter too?
   d. Sir-Wags-a-Lot needs a new dog toy.

3. Why does Ian take a walk with his Dad?
   a. Ian wants to find out what Sir-Wags-a-Lot wants to be when he grows up.
   b. Dad wants to buy some food at the grocery store.
   c. Ian needs paint for his bird house.
   d. Sir-Wags-a-Lot needs a new dog toy.

4. Based on what you read in the story, what does the word “blind” mean?
   The word “blind” means ________________________________ .

5. Who are the three main characters in this story?
   1. ________________________________
   2. ________________________________
   3. ________________________________
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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. police ●
   • a person who is trained to take care of sick people

2. bird house ●
   • a public road in a town or city

5. street ●
   • a small box where birds can live and make their nests

6. guide dog ●
   • a colored liquid that is brushed onto surfaces to make them look nice or protect them

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In the story, “A Job for Ian's Dog,” Ian decides he wants to be a bird house painter when he grows up. By the end of the story, Sir-Wags-a-Lot also wants to be a bird house painter.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Why do you want to be that? Write your answer on the lines below.
1. In the story, which question does Ian ask Sir-Wags-a-Lot first? b.
   a. “Do you want to be a dog that helps sick kids?”
   b. “What do you want to be when you grow up?”
   c. “Do you want to be a police dog?”

2. How does Ian know that Sir-Wags-a-Lot wants to be a bird house painter too?
   Sir-Wags-a-Lot helps paint the bird house with a paint brush.

3. Why does Ian take a walk with his Dad?
   c. Ian needs paint for his bird house.

4. Based on what you read in the story, what does the word “blind” mean?
   The word “blind” means “unable to see.”

5. Who are the three main characters in this story?
   1. Ian
   2. Dad
   3. Sir-Wags-a-Lot
Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. police - a person who is trained to take care of sick people

2. bird house - a public road in a town or city

3. nurse - people whose job it is to protect others and keep peace

4. paint - a dog trained to lead a blind person

5. street - a small box where birds can live and make their nests

6. guide dog - a colored liquid that is brushed onto surfaces to make them look nice or protect them