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Ian Tries Catching a Baseball

by Anita N. Amin

Ian loved going to baseball games. He always tried catching the stray balls from the stands. But each time, he missed.

He missed when he was fast. He missed when he watched the ball carefully. He missed when he stood tall on the tips of his toes. He even missed when he wore his special glove.

But today, he would try again. "Maybe today will be our lucky day," Ian told his dog, Sir Wags-a-Lot.

Ian and Sir Wags-a-Lot walked to the game with Dad.



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too high. It flew over him.

Whack! The player hit another foul ball. This time, it didn't even fly Ian's way.

"I give up," Ian said. He looked down.

Whack!

Everyone near Ian stood up. Ian looked up. A ball was flying right to him!

But he was too slow. He wasn't ready. He was going to miss the ball!

Sir Wags-a-Lot was ready though. Sir Wags-a-Lot leaped up and caught the ball with his teeth.

"You did it!" Ian hugged his dog. "I am so glad you came!"

It was a lucky day after all.

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1. In the story, what problem does Ian have when he goes to baseball games?
 - a. Ian can't catch the baseball.
 - b. Ian isn't allowed to bring his dog.
 - c. Ian can't see the field very well.
 - d. Ian doesn't understand how baseball is played.
2. Why does Sir Wags-a-Lot come to the baseball game with Ian?



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4. Who are the three main characters in this story?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
5. At the end of the story, does Ian catch the baseball? _____
Who catches the baseball? _____

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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|--------------|---|---|---|
| 1. carefully | ● | ● | place where people sit at a sports game |
| 2. glove | ● | ● | important |



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| 5. special | ● | ● | jumped |
| 6. whack | ● | ● | used by baseball players to help them catch the ball |

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In the story, "Ian Tries Catching a Baseball," Sir Wags-a-Lot helps Ian catch a baseball and it turns out to be a lucky day.

On the lines below, tell about a time when something lucky happened to you. Write in complete sentences.

Four sets of horizontal writing lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



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5. At the end of the story, does Ian catch the baseball? **no**

Who catches the baseball? **Sir Wags-a-Lot**

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1. carefully



place where people sit at a sports game



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