Ian had an orange. It was big, juicy, and ripe. He wanted to eat it. But he could not find it.

“IT was in the kitchen,” Ian told his dad.

“I’ll help you look for it,” Dad said.

Ian’s dog, Sir Wags-a-Lot, helped too. They checked the counter. A tomato rolled off.

Sir Wags-a-Lot tried to take the tomato.

“No, Sir Wags-a-Lot,” Ian said. “It’s not a ball.” He took the tomato. He put it back. They looked in the fridge. An apple rolled out.

Sir Wags-a-Lot tried to take the apple.

“No, Sir Wags-a-Lot,” Ian said. “It’s not a ball.” He took the apple. He put it back. They checked the pantry. An onion rolled out.

Sir Wags-a-Lot tried to take the onion.

“No, Sir Wags-a-Lot,” Ian said. “It’s not a ball.” He took the onion. He put it back.

“Where is my orange?” Ian asked.

Sir Wags-a-Lot ran away.

“Where is that dog going?” Dad asked.

Sir Wags-a-Lot came back. He had something orange.

“No, Sir Wags-a-Lot,” Ian said. “It’s not a ball. It’s my orange!” Ian took his orange. “I’ll eat this later. First, let’s play ball!”
1. Where was the last place Ian saw his orange?
   a. in the kitchen  
   b. one hour ago  
   c. in his bedroom  
   d. three hours ago

2. Who helps Ian find his orange in the story?
   _____________________  and  _____________________

3. Which fruit or vegetable is not mention in the story?
   a. tomato  
   b. onion  
   c. apple  
   d. banana

4. Why did Sir Wags-a-Lot take Ian’s orange?
   ___________________________________________________________________

5. What does Ian do at the end of the story instead of eating his orange?
   ___________________________________________________________________
Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. onion ● a place where food is kept cold
2. pantry ● a crisp red or green fruit that you pick from a tree
3. fridge ● ready to eat
4. apple ● area of the house where you eat your food
5. kitchen ● a closet for storing food items
6. ripe ● a vegetable with layers and a strong smell
In the story, “Ian's Lost Orange,” Ian goes around his house looking for his lost orange. He finds it in an unexpected place.

Did you ever lose something? Where did you find it? Did the item you lost show up in an unexpected place? Write your answer on the lines below.
ANSWER KEY

Ian's Lost Orange
by Anita Amin

1. Where was the last place Ian saw his orange?  a.
   a. in the kitchen       b. one hour ago
   c. in his bedroom      d. three hours ago

2. Who helps Ian find his orange in the story?
   Ian's dad and Sir Wags-a-Lot

3. Which fruit or vegetable is not mentioned in the story?  d.
   a. tomato       b. onion
   c. apple        d. banana

4. Why did Sir Wags-a-Lot take Ian's orange?
   Sir Wags-a-Lot took Ian's orange because he thought it was a ball.

5. What does Ian do at the end of the story instead of eating his orange?
   Ian plays ball with Sir Wags-a-Lot instead of eating his orange.
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