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Playing Catch

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Bella and James went outside to play catch.

“Throw the ball, Bella,” called James.

“I can’t,” Bella said. “The ball isn’t where I left it.”



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Look, cried James. Now Penny's running behind those bushes.

James and Bella ran behind the bushes.

“Now she’s running back on the grass,” Bella said. “She has the ball in her mouth!”

“Bring the ball, Penny,” James called.

Penny danced away and ran around the yard.

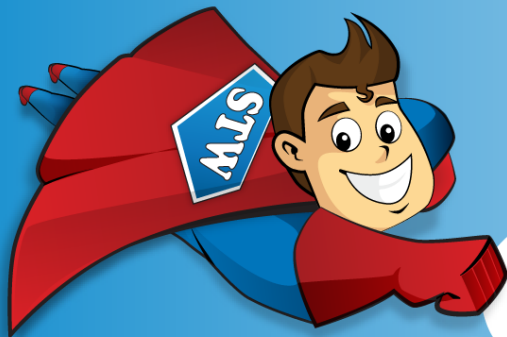
Bella laughed. “I think Penny wants to play catch, too, but not with my ball. She wants us to try to catch her!”

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1. Who wants to play catch at the beginning of the story?
 - a. Bella and Penny
 - b. James and Bella
 - c. James and Penny
 - d. Penny and Mom



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a. It's James' turn to throw the ball.

3. What happened to James and Bella's ball?

4. What does Penny want at the end of the story?

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



1. catch ● ● moved its tail back and forth (referring to a dog)



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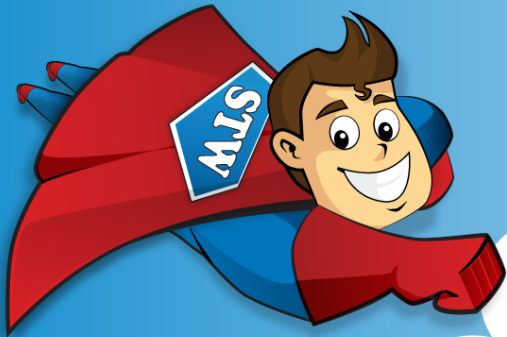
4. barked ● ● an area of land around a house
5. ball ● ● made a "Woof!" sound (referring to a dog)
6. yard ● ● short green plants that cover a lawn

ANSWER KEY

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- Who wants to play catch at the beginning of the story?
 - Bella and Penny
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- It's James' turn to throw the ball.
- What happened to James and Bella's ball?

Penny took the ball.

- What does Penny want at the end of the story?

Penny wants to play catch with James and Bella.

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