It was Anna’s turn to take Trouble home.

“Take good care of our class pet,” her teacher said.

She handed Anna a cage. Trouble, a small white mouse, was sleeping in it.

Anna hugged the cage all the way from her class to her seat on her bus.

Kids screamed and stood up on their seats. Some kids leaped into the aisle to help catch Trouble.

But Trouble was too fast. He climbed over seats, darted under seats, and raced down the aisle.

The bus pulled up to Anna’s stop. “What is going on?” the driver huffed as he opened the door.

“Catch that mouse!” Anna cried, running down the steps.
“Mouse?” Mom asked outside. “Eek!” Mom hopped as Trouble zigzagged around her feet.

Trouble ran in front of a bicycle.

“Whoa!” the boy on the bike cried. The bike skidded to a stop.

Trouble headed to the drain.

“Catch that mouse!” Anna cried. “If he goes down the drain, I’ll lose him forever!”

Anna’s kitten, Kitty, leaped from a tree in Anna’s front yard.

Kitty chased after Trouble. Trouble was at the edge of the drain.

“Reow!” Kitty pounced. She caught Trouble’s tail in her mouth.

Trouble wiggled as Kitty brought him back to Anna.

“Good job, Kitty.” Anna put Trouble back in his cage. “Now, I know how you got your name!”
1. Why was Anna taking Trouble home?
   a. It was her pet.  
   b. It was her reward.  
   c. It was her turn.  
   d. It was her birthday.

2. What happened when the bus hit a bump?

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3. When Trouble made it outside what did he head for?
   a. a drain  
   b. a nest  
   c. a home  
   d. a piece of cheese

4. Who finally caught Trouble?
   a. Anna  
   b. Anna's mom  
   c. the bus driver  
   d. Kitty

5. In the story, Anna says to Trouble:
   "Now, I know how you got your name!"
   What does she mean by this?

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Match each vocabulary word from the story to the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line.

______ 1. shrank  a. jump toward and taken a hold of something

______ 2. huffed  b. sudden, uncontrolled sliding motion

______ 5. skidded  e. jumped from a surface

______ 6. aisle  f. a heavy breath that showed you were annoyed

❖ Now try this: Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.
1. Why was Anna taking Trouble home?
   - c. It was her turn.

2. What happened when the bus hit a bump?
   - When the bus hit a bump the cage door popped open and Trouble jumped out.

3. When Trouble made it outside what did he head for?
   - a. a drain
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   - d. Kitty

5. In the story, Anna says to Trouble:
   "Now, I know how you got your name!"
   What does she mean by this?
   - When Anna said that, she was referring to the fact that taking home Trouble caused a lot more problems than she expected. Simply getting him home was filled with chaos and troubles, making her realize his name was quite fitting.
Match each vocabulary word from the story to the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line.

1. shrank
2. huffed
3. pounced
4. leaped
5. skidded
6. aisle

a. became smaller
b. a heavy breath that showed you were annoyed
c. a passage between two things
d. jumped from a surface
e. sudden, uncontrolled sliding motion
f. jump toward and taken a hold of something

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