Boing. Boing. Boing. Rosie bounced her ball. She always did that when it was too quiet.

Her dad sighed. He put down his pencil and puzzle. He was sitting on the sofa.

“What’s wrong, Dad?” Rosie asked.

“I can’t hear myself think,” Dad said. “It’s too noisy.”

Noisy? Rosie held her ball under her arm. She listened. This is what she heard.

Outside, a bird screeched.

A dog was barking in someone’s yard.

The wind moaned and whined. Tree branches tapped the windows.

A truck puttered by.

Somebody was pounding a hammer.

Rosie shook her head. She said, “You’re right. It is noisy. So noisy, I can’t hear what you’re thinking either, Dad!”
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1. Why does Rosie's dad stop working on his puzzle?
   a. It is too quiet.
   b. It is too loud.
   c. He wants to watch outside the window.
   d. Rosie wants to bounce her ball with him.

2. What does Rosie notice when she stops bouncing the ball?
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3. In the box below, circle four sounds that Rosie hears in the story.
   geese honking          rain falling             bird screeching       clock ticking
   fire crackling             ball bouncing       floor creaking          car beeping

4. Why is this funny?
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5. How does Rosie change her opinion from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?
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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.

Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. k ___ t ___ l ___
   clue: a pot used for boiling water

2. s ___ ___ e e ___ h ___ d

3. ___ o ___ a
   clue: a small couch

4. g ___ n ___ l y
   clue: softly; lightly

5. ___ r a ___ k l ___ n g
   clue: popping or cracking sounds
In the story, “Noisy Silence,” Rosie discovers that there is lots of sound all around her if she listens carefully. On the lines below, write about some of the sounds you are hearing around you right now. Be sure to use complete sentences.

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1. Why does Rosie's dad stop working on his puzzle?  **b.**
   - a. It is too quiet.
   - **b. It is too loud.**
   - c. He wants to watch outside the window.
   - d. Rosie wants to bounce her ball with him.

2. What does Rosie notice when she stops bouncing the ball?
   - She notices many sounds occurring around her.

3. In the box below, circle four sounds that Rosie hears in the story.
   - geese honking
   - rain falling
   - bird screeching
   - clock ticking
   - fire crackling
   - ball bouncing
   - floor creaking
   - car beeping

4. Read Rosie's words at the end of the story.
   - "You're right. It is noisy. So noisy, I can't hear what you're thinking either, Dad!"

5. How does Rosie change her opinion from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?
   - At the beginning, Rosie thinks it's too quiet. At the end, she thinks it's noisy.

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