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Noisy Silence

by Anita N. Amin

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.

A clock was ticking.

Coffee was burbling in a kettle in the kitchen.

The fire was crackling in the fireplace.

The floor creaked.

Clothes tumbled gently in the dryer.

Outside, a bird screeched.

A dog was barking in someone's yard.

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

A truck pattered 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?

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. Reread 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!"

Why is this funny?

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

1. _____

2. s _ _ _ e e _ _ h _ _ d

clue: made a loud cry

2. _____

3. _ _ o _ _ a

clue: a small couch

3. _____

4. g _ _ n _ _ l y

clue: softly; lightly

4. _____

5. _ _ r a _ _ k l _ _ n g

clue: popping or cracking sounds

5. _____

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2. What does Rosie notice when she stops bouncing the ball?

She notices many sounds occurring around her.

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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!"

Why is this funny?

This is funny because you can't hear someone's thoughts.

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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clue: softly; lightly

4. gently

5. c r a c k l i n g

clue: popping or cracking sounds

5. crackling