My dog’s my best friend
In so many ways.
She’s a great heater

She cleans off my clothes,
Then licks my fingers,
My cheeks and my nose.

She takes me on walks,
Plays Frisbee and ball,
Helps find my lost socks,
And comes when I call.

She kisses with love
Whenever I’m sad,
And I hug her tight
And feel really glad!
1. In the first stanza, the poet says this about his dog:

She’s a great heater
On cold winter days.

How do you think the poet’s dog is able to act like a heater?

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2. According to the poem, when the poet trips and falls, what does his dog do?
   a. lick his bruises
   b. jumps on him
   c. runs in circles
   d. sits by him

3. Which words best describes the dog in the poem? (Circle one.)
   quiet    elderly    playful

   Why did you choose this word?
   _________________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________________

4. Each line of this poem has ______________ syllables.
   Each stanza of the poem has ____________ syllables.
   The entire poem has __________ syllables.
Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. f _____ i e n 1. ______________________________
   clue: buddy; pal; amigo

2. _____ e a t e _____ 2. ______________________________
   clue: something that makes you warm

3. k  _____  e  _____ s 3. ______________________________
   clue: parts of your legs that bend

4. b e  ____  ____  d  ____ 4. ______________________________
   clue: next to

5. f  _____ n g  ____  ____  ____ s 5. ______________________________
   clue: the 5 digits on each hand

6. t  ____  ____  h t 6. ______________________________
   clue: opposite of loose
Furry Friend

By Guy Belleranti

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   The poem says that the dog plays ball and frisbee, and finds his socks.

4. Each line of this poem has ______ 5 ______ syllables.

   Each stanza of the poem has ____ 20 ____ syllables.

   The entire poem has ____ 100 ____ syllables.
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