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# A Personal Introduction

by Kelly Hashway

"You got a letter from your new teacher," Mom said.

"What kind of letter?" Valerie asked. "It's not homework already is it?"

"Well, sort of." Mom scanned the paper. "On the first day of school Mr. Jeffrey wants you to bring a personal item from home, something that will tell the class a little bit about you. You have to present it on the first day."



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books didn't say much about her. Her tennis racket stuck out from under her bed. She'd started taking lessons at the beginning of the summer, and she definitely liked sports.

"I guess that will do," Valerie said, pulling the racket out and putting it by her backpack.

The next day, Valerie got a package from her Aunt Heather. She read the letter first.

"Here is a postcard from every place I visited this summer. I can't wait until you are older and you can come with me to see all these sights." Valerie always talked about wanting to travel all over the world with Aunt Heather.

Mom flipped through the postcards with Valerie. They had pictures from London, England; Paris, France; and Rome, Italy. "You know, your tennis racket would be fine to bring to school, but maybe these postcards would tell the class more about you."



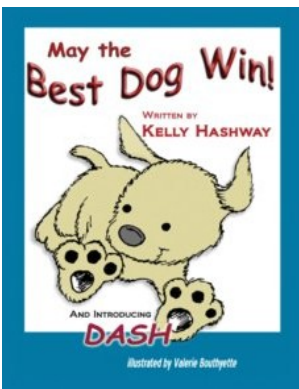
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Valerie nodded. "Mom, do you think Mr. Jeffrey will let me talk all day? Aunt Heather and I plan to visit a lot of places. Talking about all of them could take hours."

Mom laughed. "Probably not all day, but he'll be happy you're so willing to share."

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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  - a. a book that she read over the summer
  - b. a report telling what she did over the summer
  - c. something that was given to her by a relative
  - d. an item that tells something about her
2. When does this story take place?
  - a. at Valerie's house
  - b. on the first day of school



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4. What do Valerie and Aunt Heather want to do when Valerie is older?

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5. Where did Valerie's Aunt Heather travel during the summer?
  - a. Europe
  - b. Asia
  - c. South America
  - d. North America
6. What type of passage is this?
  - a. fiction
  - b. biography
  - c. non-fiction
  - d. science fiction

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  - a. e-mail
  - b. note on paper
  - c. grade
  - d. assignment
2. Mom scanned the paper.
  - a. read carefully
  - b. quickly read
  - c. copied
  - d. mailed



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- c. sport in which horseshoes are thrown at a stake in the ground
  - d. sport in which a ball is hit over a net on a court
5. Here is a postcard from every place I visited this summer.
    - a. small piece of cardboard with a picture on the front
    - b. a long letter describing a vacation spot
    - c. a greeting card give for birthdays and special occasions
    - d. a stamp
  6. I can't wait until you're older and you can come with me to see all these sights.
    - a. restaurants
    - b. tourist attractions
    - c. statues
    - d. buildings

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In the story, "A Personal Introduction," Valerie receives postcards from her Aunt Heather. The postcards show interesting locations from Aunt Heather's travels.

If you could travel to any city in the world outside of your own country, where would you go? Why?



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# ANSWER KEY

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