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Playing Catch

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I've got to spot the ball and catch it somehow.

I'm waiting and I'm waiting. My glove is waiting, too.

I'm looking up, not looking down. I trip on my left shoe.

I'm diving toward the ground. My arms are stretched out straight.

I open up my glove, but I'm afraid that I'm too late.

I can't believe my eyes. I think I see the ball!

It's nestled in my glove; I caught it after all!

I hear my sister cheering. She saw my super catch.

But Fido stole the ball from me. He thinks we're playing fetch!

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1. Choose another appropriate title for this poem.

a. My Sister's Amazing Toss

b. Fido's Bad Day

c. My Amazing Catch

d. The Ball That Went Up, But Never Came Down

2. Name two reasons the girl had difficulty catching the ball.

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3. What happened in the last line of the poem?

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4. Reread the following line from the poem:

> *It's nestled in my glove; I caught it after all!*

What is the best definition for the underlined word?

a. fell from above

b. held on by a little bit

c. rolling around

d. held snugly or tightly

ANSWER KEY

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