Trevor walked home from the bus stop. It was the first time his parents wouldn’t be home to greet him after school. They had a meeting with his older brother’s principal at the high school, and Trevor begged them to let him stay home. He was excited to finally have the house to himself.

He took his key from his pocket and opened the door. Trevor was greeted by his two German shepherds, Molly and Ajax. “Hey, guys. Just me.” Trevor locked the front door leading to the deck. He slid the wooden bar out of the door and placed it on the floor. His mother insisted on keeping the bar in the door even though there was already a lock. She said it provided extra protection.

The dogs pushed their way outside and Trevor ran to catch up, slamming the door behind him. He chased the dogs all around the house. When he got tired, he threw the tennis balls high in the air. “Come on, Molly, get the ball.” Molly jumped up and got it before it bounced. “Good girl!”
Trevor threw the next ball to Ajax. “Good boy, catch it like Molly did.” Several throws later, Trevor and the dogs were tired and cold. “Time to go inside and warm up.” Trevor led the dogs to the deck and tugged on the back door. It wouldn’t budge. “Huh?” He peeked in and saw the bar was back in the door. His cat, Misha, was lying up against it, sleeping in the sunlight shining through the sliding glass door.

“No! We’re locked out.” He ran to the front door.

“I know one thing for sure,” Trevor said.

“What’s that?”

“Next time I’m home alone and I go out to play with the dogs, I’m bringing my house key.”

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Kelly Hashway’s picture book, May the Best Dog Win, is now available!

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Locked Out
By Kelly Hashway

1. Trevor was home alone in this story. Where were his parents?

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2. How did Trevor feel about being home alone?

a. worried
b. excited
c. confused
d. indifferent

How did you determine the best answer to the question above?

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3. About how long was Trevor home alone?

a. fifteen minutes
b. thirty minutes
c. two hours
d. twelve hours

4. Explain how Trevor got locked out of the house.

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5. When Trevor was locked out of the house, he felt...

a. terrified  b. sleepy
c. giddy        d. cold
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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

1. _____ budge
   a. pulled

2. _____ bored
   b. peered

6. _____ peeked
   f. soft, yellow, rubber, bouncy toy

7. _____ German shepherd
   g. feeling of having nothing worthwhile to do

8. _____ tennis ball
   h. a few

❖ Now try this: Find each of the words above in the story and highlight them.
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In the story, “Locked Out,” Trevor is home alone for the first time.

If you were Trevor's parents, what rules would you put in place for Trevor when he is home alone? List four “Home Alone” rules and explain why each one is important.

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1. Trevor was home alone in this story. Where were his parents?
   
   They were meeting with the principal at his older brother’s school.

2. How did Trevor feel about being home alone?
   
   b. worried

3. About how long was Trevor home alone?
   
   c. two hours

4. Explain how Trevor got locked out of the house.
   
   There was a wooden bar that is placed behind the sliding glass door to keep it from opening. Trevor had moved it to go outside, but his cat had pushed it back into place, preventing the door from opening.

5. When Trevor was locked out of the house, he felt...
   
   d. cold
Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

1. c budge  a. pulled

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