Ian Finds A Tree For His Tree House

by Anita N. Amin

"I need your help, Sir Wags-a-Lot," Ian told his dog.

They were outside in the backyard.

"You're good at finding things."

Sir Wags-a-Lot wagged his tail.

"Find me a tree," Ian said.

"Dad is going to build me a tree house. I need a tree for it."

"A good strong tree," Dad added. "So the tree house won't fall."

Sir Wags-a-Lot dashed to the woods. Ian and Dad hurried after the dog.





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But Sir Wags-a-Lot kept going.

"Where is that dog going?" Dad asked.

Sir Wags-a-Lot stopped next to a small tree. The dog wagged his tail.

"What about this tree?" Ian asked.

"No," Dad said. "This tree is too small. The branches are too thin. I can't put a tree house in this tree."

Sir Wags-a-Lot started barking at the tree.

"But he really likes this tree," Ian said.

Suddenly, Dad laughed. "I see why he likes this tree. Look!" Dad pointed to the trunk of the tree.

A squirrel was racing up the tree.

Ian laughed. "Silly dog! Let's just use the first tree. I'm sure there will be a lot of squirrels there, too."

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- 1. Why did Ian ask for Sir Wags-a-Lot's help finding a tree?
 - **a.** Dogs like trees.
 - **b.** He has a better sense of smell.
 - c. He is good at finding things.
 - **d.** He knows his way around the woods.



2. Why couldn't lan's dad build a tree house in the tree Sir Waas-a-l at found?



- 3. What was the real reason sit ways-a-tor chose that free:
 - **a.** It had big, strong branches.
 - **b**. It was near his favorite place to play.
 - c. He thought Ian would like it best.
 - d. A squirrel was running up it.
- 4. Do you think Ian and his dad really needed Sir Wags-a-Lots help finding a tree?

 Why or why not.

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Draw straight lines to match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right.



1. dogwood

• type of tree

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- 4. wagged
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moved fast

5. build

happened without warning

6. branches

• to create something

ANSWER KEY

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Answers will vary.

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