

Lesson

1

Read this story about a dog-walker who helps save a dog that has been hit by a car. As you read, ask yourself, "What happens? Why do those things happen?" Look for clue words.

Dawn to the Rescue

It was drizzling, and Dawn was running a little late for her next client. "Hurry, Cocoa, we've got only two blocks left," Dawn urged the chocolate Labrador retriever that she walked every Thursday after school. The pair had about two blocks to go when Dawn heard a thunk as a car splashed by. "What was that?" she wondered . . . then she knew. A small, white form was lying motionless in a puddle on the side of the street.



Dawn told Cocoa to stay as she tied the large dog's leash to a parking meter. Then on shaking legs, Dawn rushed to the puppy's side. The puppy had no injuries that she could see, but then she noticed a small trickle of blood running out of its mouth.

"Please, help!" Dawn screamed as she kneeled and touched the dog gently.

A door opened in a house close by, and Dawn heard a woman calling softly, "Bella! Come to Mama, Bella Puppy!"

Dawn waved and yelled. "Here! I think your dog was just hit by a car!"

The woman dashed out in the rain and began wailing when she reached the dog's still form, "She's dead! My beautiful Bella is dead!"

As Dawn reached out to comfort the woman, she noticed that Bella was breathing. "We've got to get Bella to the vet right away!" she exclaimed. Since the woman was extremely upset, Dawn knew she had to take charge. Calmly, she told the woman to call a taxi, to put on a raincoat so she wouldn't catch cold, and to bring out a blanket to keep Bella warm as they traveled to the vet. Wordlessly, the stunned woman obeyed.

Dawn glanced around for a board to support the pup, but all she saw were trash cans that were out for the next day's pickup. "I'll be right back," she whispered to Bella as she raced over to a trash can and ripped off the lid.

When the woman returned, Dawn spread the blanket over the lid and gently snuggled Bella within it. Seconds later, a taxi skidded up to them. The shaken woman got into the car, but she was so upset she couldn't even hold Bella. Dawn saw that she was still needed, so she untied Cocoa, and they all crowded into the taxi. Dawn phoned her next client to explain the situation.

When the taxi arrived at the hospital, the veterinarian scooped up Bella and sped into the examination room. Nine minutes later, the vet returned with a smile on her face. "Bella just regained consciousness. She has a broken leg and she has bitten her tongue, but she'll recover just fine." To Dawn she added, "It's a good thing you found her when you did."

The woman cried joyfully, Dawn whooped, and Cocoa howled. Dawn gave Cocoa a huge hug, and decided then and there that she might become a veterinarian herself someday.

Answer these questions about the story.

1. What caused the thump that Dawn heard?

- Ⓐ A car hit a dog.
- Ⓑ Cocoa ran into a car.
- Ⓒ The rain was falling hard.
- Ⓓ A car splashed by.

3. Which clue word or words signal the reason why Dawn knew that she had to take charge of the situation?

- Ⓐ because
- Ⓑ since
- Ⓒ so
- Ⓓ as a result

2. What happened as soon as Dawn told the woman that her dog had been hit by a car?

- Ⓐ The woman called the police.
- Ⓑ The woman called a taxi.
- Ⓒ The woman ran out to her dog.
- Ⓓ The woman called for her dog.

4. Dawn called her next client because

- Ⓐ she needed someone to pick up Cocoa.
- Ⓑ she needed someone to bring Bella to the vet.
- Ⓒ she wanted someone to calm Bella's owner.
- Ⓓ she wanted the client to know what had happened to make her late.

5. Explain why Dawn took a trash can lid. Use a clue word in your answer.
