

Passage 1: The Lost Dog at the Weekend Market

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On Saturday morning, Mateo went to the weekend market with his mother. The busy walkway was filled with fruit stands, flower tables, and neighbors carrying shopping bags. Near a bakery stall, Mateo noticed an elderly woman looking under tables and calling, “Biscuit!” Her small brown-and-white dog had slipped out of its red leash and disappeared into the crowd. The woman looked worried, so Mateo asked his mother if they could help her search.

Mateo checked behind baskets and beneath empty tables while his mother spoke with nearby sellers. Then he heard a faint whimper beside a flower stand. Biscuit was hiding behind several large pots, frightened by the noise. Mateo moved slowly and held out his hand so the dog would not run away again. When Biscuit came closer, Mateo gently fastened the leash to the dog’s collar and led him back through the market.



The woman smiled with relief when she saw Biscuit. She thanked Mateo and offered him a large pineapple pie from the bakery. Mateo accepted the treat but said he had helped because he did not want her to feel alone. On the way home, he shared the pie with his mother. Mateo’s choice to notice someone else’s problem and offer patient help showed how one caring action can make a difficult morning much better.

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Grade 4 Character Traits Reading Comprehension

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Multiple Choice

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Mateo visits several stalls at a crowded market.
- B. Mateo kindly helps a worried woman find her dog.
- C. Biscuit enjoys walking near the market flower stand.
- D. A baker gives customers fresh pineapple pies each day.

2. Why was the elderly woman worried?

- A. Her small dog had disappeared into the busy crowd.
- B. Her shopping bag had been left beside a fruit stand.
- C. Her pineapple pie had fallen near the bakery table.
- D. Her flower pots had been moved away from the stall.

3. How did Mateo keep Biscuit from running away?

- A. He asked the market sellers to close every walkway.
- B. He placed a basket beside the frightened little dog.
- C. He called loudly until Biscuit walked out of hiding.
- D. He moved slowly and gently fastened the dog's leash.

4. What can the reader infer about Mateo?

- A. He helps others mainly because he expects a reward.
- B. He avoids problems that interrupt his weekend plans.
- C. He notices other people's feelings and offers support.
- D. He prefers searching alone instead of joining a team.

5. Which action best shows Mateo's kindness?

- A. He looked at the fruit and flowers with his mother.
- B. He stopped his shopping to help search for Biscuit.
- C. He carried the pineapple pie on the journey home.
- D. He listened to the sounds around the market stalls.

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Vocabulary

Choose the best meaning of the underlined word.

6. The busy walkway was filled with fruit stands and neighbors.

- A. a covered place for selling food
- B. a path where people can walk
- C. a vehicle used to carry supplies
- D. a basket for holding market goods

7. Biscuit was frightened by the noise.

- A. eager to explore something new
- B. tired after walking a long way
- C. pleased to see a familiar person
- D. feeling afraid or worried

8. The woman smiled with relief when she saw Biscuit.

- A. comfort after worry has ended
- B. sadness after losing something
- C. surprise caused by sudden noise
- D. pride after finishing hard work

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Text Evidence

9. Which sentence from the passage best shows why Mateo decided to help?

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10. Explain how Mateo's actions show kindness. Use one detail from the passage.

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Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B

Vocabulary

6. B
7. D
8. A

Text Evidence

9. Sample Answer:

“The woman looked worried, so Mateo asked his mother if they could help her search.”

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10. Sample Answer:

Mateo demonstrates kindness. He stops his shopping to help the worried woman, searches patiently, approaches Biscuit gently, and returns the dog safely.