

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

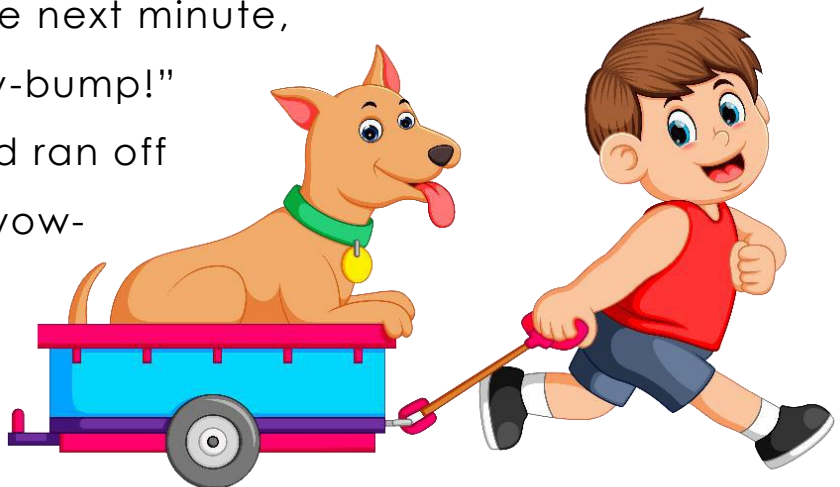
Ned and Rover and Jack

A boy named Ned had a little puppy dog named Rover. One day, Ned's papa gave him a nice new toy wagon. Ned was pulling it around the yard when he saw Rover. "Come, Rover," he said, "I will give you a fun ride." So he took Rover and put him in the wagon and gave him a ride.

But just then Ned saw his friend Tom. Tom was running down the street. Ned called to him, but Tom did not hear. Ned wanted to show Tom his new wagon, so he ran after Tom as fast as he could go, calling for him: "Tom! Tom!" He did not think of Rover who was being pulled along at great speed.

Rover was barking with all his might, "Bow! wow! Bow-wow! bow-wow-wow-wow!" which means "Oh, stop! stop! I'm going to fall out!" The next minute,

Rover went "bumpity-bump!" out into the road and ran off home, crying, "Ow-wow-wow!" He was not hurt, but he was frightened.



Rover soon forgot his wagon ride, and he grew, and he grew, and he grew till he was a big dog. By that time, Ned's little brother Jack had a little wagon. But now Rover was too big to ride in it, so Jack said he would make Rover pull the wagon while Jack rode in it.

Ned helped him to harness Rover like a horse, and Jack climbed in and took the reins. "Get up," said Jack, and away they went out into the yard and on into a big field.

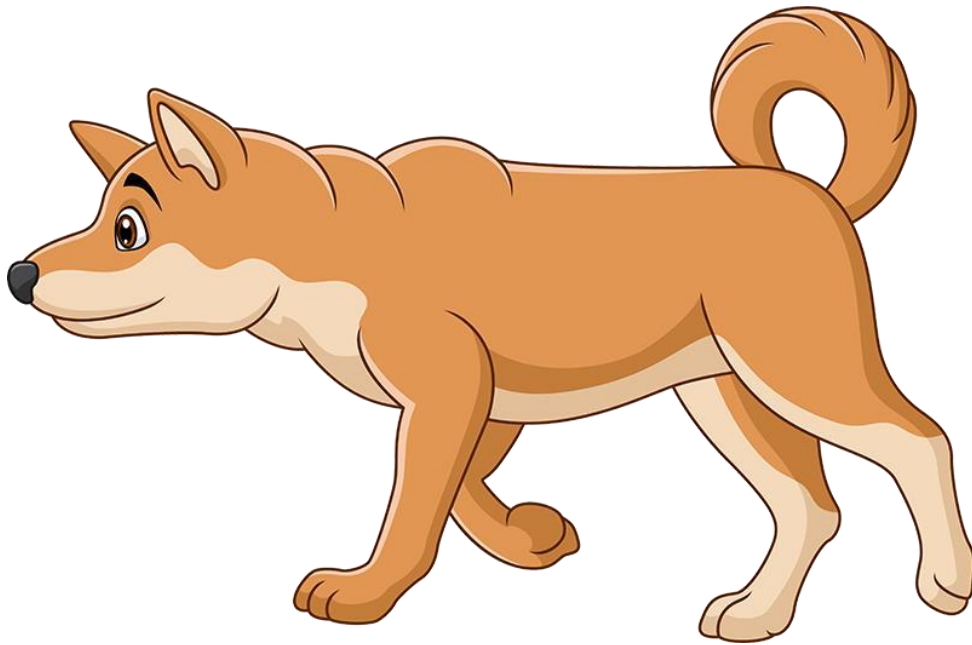
Just then a little rabbit ran in front of them, Rover began to race after the rabbit. Poor Jack couldn't hold Rover back. Jack called out, "Whoa, Rover! Stop, Rover!" But Rover didn't stop. He wanted to catch the rabbit, and he forgot about Jack.

The rabbit ran toward a hole under the wall where Rover would not be able to get him. Rover chased after him as fast as he could go.



Just as Rover got close to the rabbit, the wagon's wheel struck a big stone, and Jack went "bumpity-bump" as he tumbled out on the ground. Jack was not hurt, but he was frightened.

Ned finally caught up to Rover and looked at him sternly. "Where did you learn to behave so badly, Rover?", he said.



Questions:

1. Why did Ned want to see Tom?

2. Why didn't Ned stop when Rover barked at him?

3. Why didn't Rover stop when Jack asked him to?

4. How are the two parts of the story about Rover alike?

Answers:

1. Why did Ned want to see Tom?
Ned wanted to show Tom his new toy wagon.
2. Why didn't Ned stop when Rover barked at him?
Ned was running towards Tom and did not pay attention to Rover.
3. Why didn't Rover stop when Jack asked him to?
Rover was chasing the rabbit and did not pay attention to Jack.
4. How are the two parts of the story about Rover alike?
The two parts of the story are alike as the same thing happened to Jack in the second story as happened to Rover in the first part of the story.