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Read the text 3 times. Use  
the text to find your answers.



### Playing Catch

Bella and James went outside to play catch. James asked Bella to throw the ball to him. Bella could not throw the ball because she could not find it. It was not where she left it.



Bella and James looked all over the backyard for the ball. They could not find it. Bella and James were sad because they wanted to play catch but they could not find the ball. It was missing.

Bella's dog, Penny, ran up to Bella. She was wagging her tail. Bella hugged her and wondered why Penny was so happy.



Penny barked and barked. She began to run around the yard. Penny barked and ran under a tree. Bella and James ran to the tree. They did not see the ball.



James told Bella that Penny was running behind the bushes. They ran behind the bushes following Penny.



Penny began running back on the grass. She had the ball in her mouth! James called for Penny to bring the ball to him. Penny danced away and ran around the yard with the ball in her mouth.

Bella laughed. "I think Penny wants to play catch, too but not with my ball. She wants us to catch her!"

1. What was the problem in the story?  
A. Penny was sad.  
B. James and Bella followed Penny.  
C. The ball was missing.
2. Where was the ball?  
A. Behind the bushes  
B. Under a tree  
C. In the house
3. Who wants to play catch at the beginning of the story?  
A. Bella and Penny  
B. James and Penny  
C. James and Bella

4. Why could Bella not throw the ball?  
A. James took the ball.  
B. She could not find the ball.  
C. The ball was muddy.

5. Who found the ball and solved the problem?  
A. Penny  
B. Bella's mom  
C. James

6-8. Name the 3 characters in the story.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

9. How did Bella and James feel at the end of the story?  
A. Happy B. Sad C. Angry

10. What is the setting of this story?

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11. What does Penny want at the end of the story?  
A. To sit under the tree  
B. To hide the ball  
C. To play catch with James and Bella.

12. Why were Bella and James sad at the beginning of the story?

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13 Text-To-Self connection. Have you ever played with a pet?  
A. Yes B. No

14. What is the title of this text?  
A. Penny and the Ball  
B. Playing Catch  
C. The Lost Ball

15- 16. Is this story fiction or nonfiction? How do you know?

Fiction

Nonfiction

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