

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Bringing Rana Home

As soon as the Silvas returned from their vacation, Alonso pleaded with his mother to pick up Rana, the family's Labrador retriever. The dog had stayed with another family while the Silvas were on vacation, and Alonso could hardly wait to see her. Mrs. Silva telephoned their friends and asked if they could pick up Rana.

When the door opened, Rana rushed out and threw herself at Alonso. He and his mother laughed and thanked their friends for caring for the dog.

At first, Rana rode in the front seat of the car, her head hanging out of the window. She barked at everyone they passed, as if to exclaim, "My family has returned, after all! Isn't it wonderful?"

Mrs. Silva soon grew tired of Rana's barking and rolled up the window, despite whimpers from the dog. Alonso slapped his hands on his thighs and said, "Come sit in back with me, Rana." She went to him, her brown eyes full of gladness.

