

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Missing Dog

Barry raced into the house, forgetting to close the back door. He was late for his baseball game and didn't think about his mother's warning to keep that door closed so that Happy couldn't push it open and escape.

Barry changed into his uniform and grabbed his mitt. He was about to leave the house when he realized that he hadn't seen Happy. At the same instant, Barry noticed that the door was not quite closed. He called for the dog, but Happy did not appear. He checked the entire house, but the mutt had vanished. If anything happened to that dog, Barry thought, he would not forgive himself, and nobody else in the family would either.

Barry spent the next hour searching the neighborhood for Happy. He asked all his neighbors the same question: "Have you seen a little black-and-white mutt with big paws and enormous ears that is really friendly?"

They all shook their heads sympathetically.

Barry had just started designing a LOST DOG poster when his mother's car pulled into the driveway. He jogged over to her and was about to announce the bad news, when he caught sight of Happy sitting in the backseat. His mother rolled down the window and said, "Aren't you supposed to be at the baseball game?"

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 What happened before the events described in this story took place?

- A** Barry played in a ball game.
- B** Barry's mother let the dog out the back door.
- C** Barry changed into his uniform and grabbed his mitt.
- D** Barry's mother warned him to keep the back door closed.

2 What happened right after Barry came into the house?

- F** He noticed that Happy was missing.
- G** He changed into his uniform.
- H** His mother took the dog with her.
- J** He shouted for the dog.

3 Why did Barry look for Happy in the house first?

- A** Happy was supposed to be in the house.
- B** He knew that Happy had not left the house.
- C** He did not have time to search the neighborhood.
- D** Happy could open the back door.

4 What information did the author hold back in order to have a surprise ending?

Barry's mother took Happy with her in the car. Happy was not in the house when Barry left the door partly open.

5 At the end of the story, what did Barry probably do next?

Answers may vary. Possible responses: Barry probably hurried to get to the ball game; Barry probably asked his mother to drive him to his ball game.