

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.

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Answer the questions below.

1 What clue words in the first paragraph tell the reader when Alonso wanted to pick up Rana?

- A** As soon as the Silvas returned
- B** the family's Labrador retriever
- C** The dog had stayed with another family
- D** asked if they could pick up Rana

2 Which of these happened first in the story?

- F** Rana sat in the back seat.
- G** Mrs. Silva called their friends.
- H** Alonso and Rana sat together.
- J** Rana jumped on Alonso.

3 What did Rana do after Mrs. Silva rolled up the window?

- A** She sat in the front seat.
- B** She ran out the door.
- C** She barked at people.
- D** She whimpered.

4 Do you think Alonso missed Rana while his family was on vacation?

Yes, he did because the first thing Alonso wanted to do was pick up Rana. He laughed at her excitement, and he invited her to sit with him.