

The Rocker Spaniel

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Age 10

Genre Fiction Fantasy

Word Count 263 Words

Story at a Glance

James loved his dog, Lightning. One day, James came home early from school because he was sick. He was shocked to find Lightning singing and playing an electric guitar with his band of neighborhood dogs in the garage. He crept back into the house so he wouldn't embarrass Lightning.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *The Rocker Spaniel*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

excellent great; superior

regular normal

creep to move slowly while trying not to be noticed

electric producing sound by electrical or electronic means

microphone a tool to make something sound louder

perform to show

solo a performance done by one person

embarrass to cause to feel shy

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

- 01** James didn't know that Lightning wasn't just a _____ dog.
- ① electric
 - ② regular
 - ③ performing
- 02** James _____ outside and peeked through the garage window.
- ① performed
 - ② embarrassed
 - ③ crept
- 03** To play the _____ guitar, we need a power connection in this room.
- ① electric
 - ② excellent
 - ③ regular
- 04** His big sister will _____ in the school play next week.
- ① creep
 - ② perform
 - ③ sleep
- 05** Lightning finished up with a guitar _____.
- ① solo
 - ② regular
 - ③ bass

Words Building

After reading *The Rocker Spaniel*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

excellent

regular

creep

electric

microphone

perform

solo

embarrass

Grammar

Write the past-tense form of the verb in each sentence in the typing box. Solve the sample question before you start.

<Sample>

James loves his dog, Lightning, as much as any boy could.

01 James takes excellent care of Lightning.

02 He feeds Lightning breakfast and dinner.

03 He thinks he knew everything there was to know about Lightning.

04 One day, James finds out how very wrong he was.

05 James creeps outside.

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01** Lightning was a two-year-old brown horse. T / F
- 02** Every day he would take Lightning for a walk after school. T / F
- 03** James stood, shocked, as he watched his dog perform. T / F
- 04** James followed the sound and realized it was coming from the garage. T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the main idea of the story?

- ① James came home from school because he was sick.
- ② James took excellent care of his Lightning.
- ③ James never knew that his dog, Lightning, was in a band with the other neighborhood dogs.

02 James crept back into the house because he didn't _____.

- ① want to embarrass Lightning
- ② want the dogs to stop playing
- ③ want his parents to know
- ④ want to do his own guitar solo

03 Why did James think Lightning did not run down the stairs like he always did?

- ① James thought Lightning went missing.
- ② James thought Lightning was singing.
- ③ James thought Lightning was playing the guitar.
- ④ James thought Lightning was sleeping.

04 He looked around the house for Lightning, but he was _____.

- ① hiding
- ② nowhere to be found
- ③ sleeping
- ④ playing the drums

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

Beth, help me stack these up.” The girls heaved the snowballs up, one on top of the other.

①



②



③



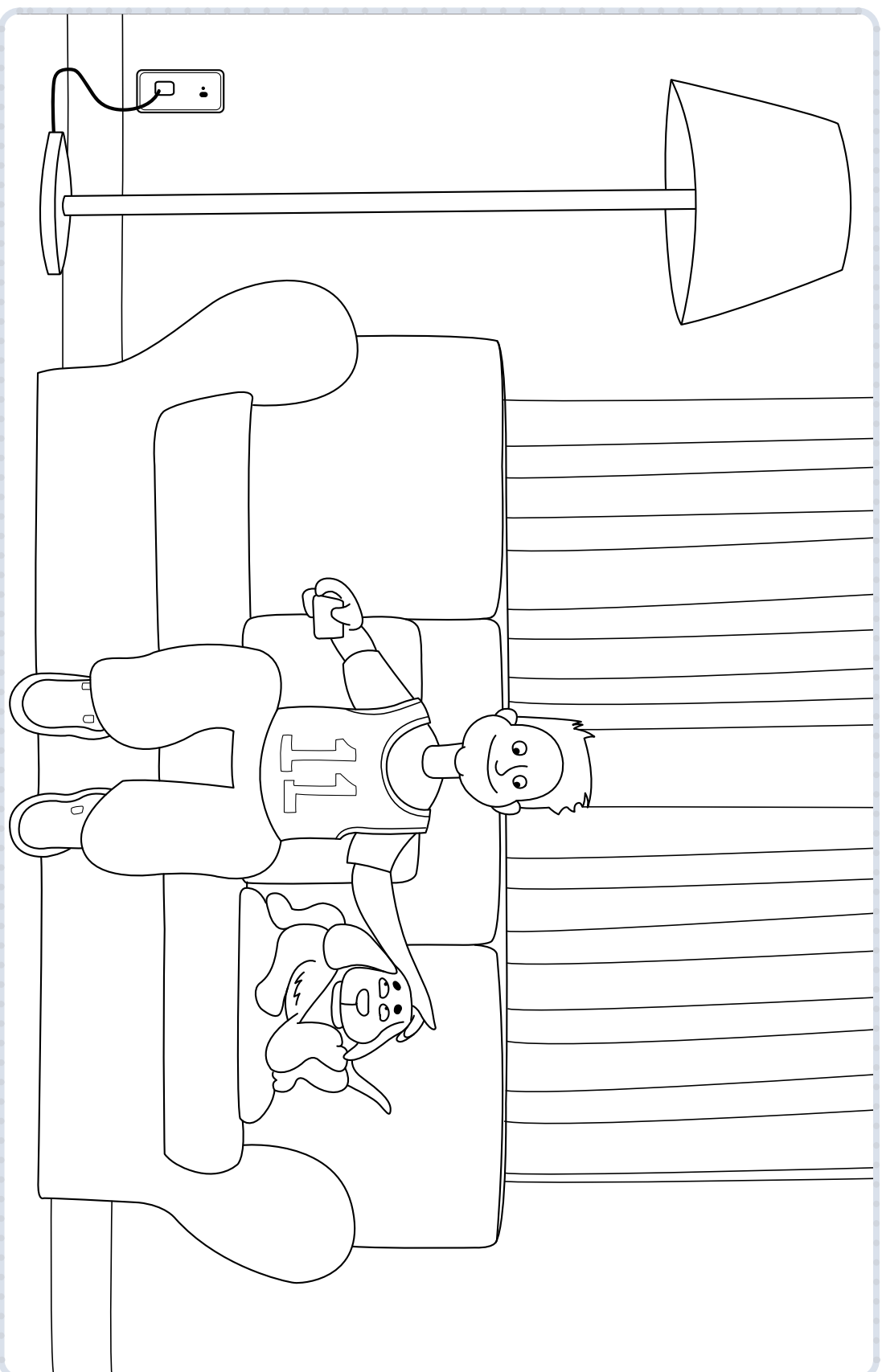
④



Coloring Sheet

📅 DATE:

👤 NAME:



Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



Suddenly he heard

_____.

"What's that?" he wondered as

he _____

_____.



There was _____,

holding _____

_____!

The music was _____,

and his _____

_____!

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

- 01** Why had James never known about Lightning and his rock band of neighborhood dogs?
- 02** Why did James creep back into the house?
- 03** What else do you think Lightning and the neighborhood dogs did while James was at school?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

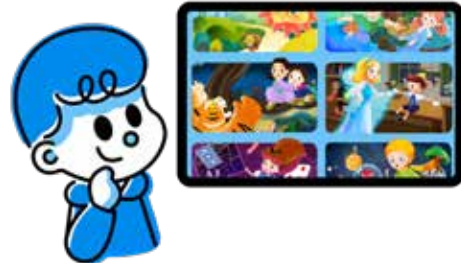


Download and make your own story in StorySelf.

Become a main character in the storybook



① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *The Rocker Spaniel* story.



③ Choose your face character.

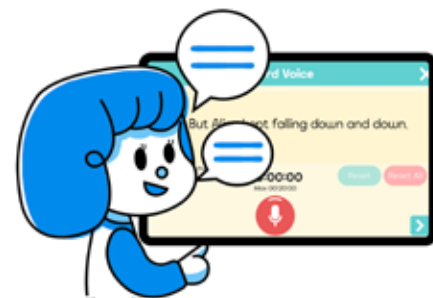


④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *The Rocker Spaniel*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ③
- 3 - ①
- 4 - ②
- 5 - ①

Grammar

- 1 - took
- 2 - fed
- 3 - thought
- 4 - found
- 5 - crept

Understanding #1

- 1 - F
- 2 - T
- 3 - T
- 4 - T

Understanding #2

- 1 - ③
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ④
- 4 - ②

Understanding #3

- Top - ③
- Bottom - ④

Speaking Fluency

[Left]

Suddenly he heard rock music. "What's that?" he wondered as he followed the sound and realized it was coming from the garage.

[Right]

There was Lightning, holding an electric guitar and singing into a microphone! The music was coming from him, and his band of neighborhood dogs!

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. James had never known about Lightning and his rock band because he was always at school when the dogs practiced in the garage.
2. James crept back into the house because he didn't want to embarrass Lightning; Lightning had been playing with his band in secret.
3. I think the dogs would also eat things in the refrigerator that the family would usually not give a dog. I think they would also watch television on some days and learn different rock songs that they could play.