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Furry Friend

By Guy Belleranti

My dog's my best friend
In so many ways.
She's a great heater



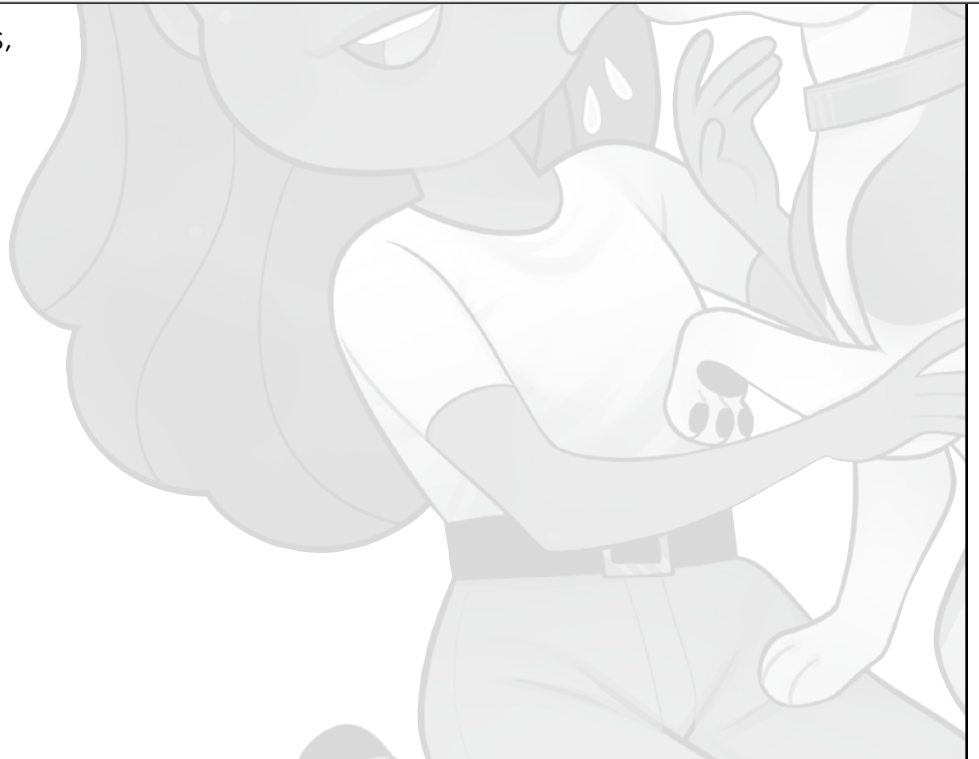
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She cleans off my clothes,
Then licks my fingers,
My cheeks and my nose.

She takes me on walks,
Plays Frisbee and ball,
Helps find my lost socks,
And comes when I call.

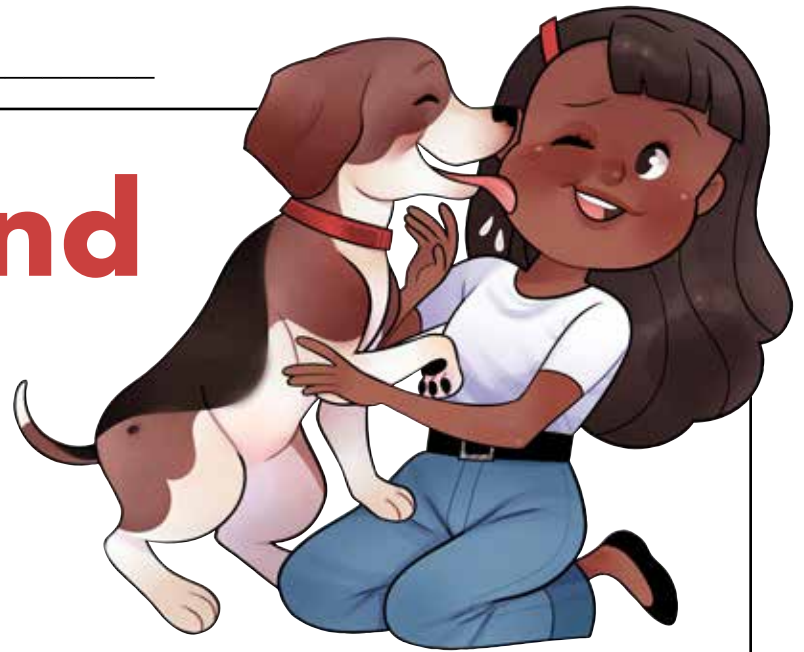
She kisses with love
Whenever I'm sad,
And I hug her tight
And feel really glad!



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1. In the first stanza, the poet says this about his dog:

*She's a great heater
On cold winter days.*

How do you think the poet's dog is able to act like a heater?



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3. Which words best describes the dog in the poem? (Circle one.)

quiet

elderly

playful

Why did you choose this word?

4. Each line of this poem has _____ syllables.

Each stanza of the poem has _____ syllables.

The entire poem has _____ syllables.

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. f i e n

1. _____



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2. k e e s

2. _____

clue: parts of your legs that bend

3. b e _____ d _____

3. _____

clue: next to

4. f _____ n g _____ s

4. _____

clue: the 5 digits on each hand

5. t _____ _____ h t

5. _____

clue: opposite of loose

ANSWER KEY

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1. In the first stanza, the poet says this about his dog:

***She's a great heater
On cold winter days.***

How do you think the poet's dog is able to act like a heater?

When the dog lays against him, it warms him up.



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3. Which words best describes the dog in the poem? (Circle one.)

quiet

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Why did you choose this word?

The poem says that the dog plays ball and frisbee, and finds his socks.

4. Each line of this poem has 5 syllables.

Each stanza of the poem has 20 syllables.

The entire poem has 100 syllables.

