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# Playing Catch



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I've got to spot the ball and catch it somehow.

I'm waiting and I'm waiting. My glove is waiting, too.

I'm looking up, not looking down. I trip on my left shoe.

I'm diving toward the ground. My arms are stretched out straight.

I open up my glove, but I'm afraid that I'm too late.

I can't believe my eyes. I think I see the ball!

It's nestled in my glove; I caught it after all!

I hear my sister cheering. She saw my super catch.

But Fido stole the ball from me. He thinks we're playing fetch!

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By Liana Mahoney

1. Choose another appropriate title for this poem.
  - a. My Sister's Amazing Toss
  - b. Fido's Bad Day
  - c. My Amazing Catch
  - d. The Ball That Went Up, But Never Came Down
  
2. Name two reasons the girl had difficulty catching the ball.

A horizontal banner with a blue background. On the left, a cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit and a red cape, is flying. The cape has a white shield with the letters 'M.T.S.' on it. To the right of the superhero, the word 'Preview' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below it, in smaller black text, it says 'Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.'

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4. Reread the following line from the poem:

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What is the best definition for the underlined word?

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## ANSWER KEY



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