

What Does Bandit Want?

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Most days, Alexis woke up when her alarm clock beeped. Today she felt something tap on her legs. Then she felt a cold wet spot on her cheek. She opened her eyes.

"Good morning, Bandit!" Alexis said. Bandit was a fluffy black and white puppy with floppy ears and a cute nose. He licked Alexis' face and wagged his tail.

Bandit jumped on the bed and licked Alexis again. Then he jumped down and ran towards the bedroom door.

"Woof!" said Bandit.

"Do you want to play, Bandit?" Alexis asked. She got out of bed and put on her slippers. "Let's go find your ball!"

Alexis followed Bandit into the living room. She picked up his bright yellow tennis ball. "Here you go," said Alexis.

But Bandit was already leaving the living room. Alexis tossed the ball to get his attention. Bandit watched the ball bounce past and looked at Alexis. "Woof!"

"You don't want to play fetch? Should I pet you instead?" She walked over to bandit and patted his head.

Normally, Bandit liked to have his ears scratched, but today he stepped away from Alexis instead. "Woof, woof!" Bandit barked, a little louder this time.

Alexis reached out to pat Bandit again, but this time the puppy ran into the kitchen.

Alexis followed Bandit into the kitchen Bandit was sitting on the floor, looking up at her. He wagged his tail.

"Do you want to go outside and play?" asked Alexis. She opened the back door so Bandit could run out.

Bandit sat still and looked at Alexis. "WOOF!" he barked. Then he walked over to his water bowl.

Alexis looked down and saw that Bandit's bowl was empty. "Oh!" cried Alexis. "Are you thirsty?" She filled the bowl with fresh clean water.

Bandit didn't answer. He was too busy lapping up water to bark back at Alexis. But he wagged his tail while he drank, and Alexis knew that her puppy was happy.

Questions

1. What does Bandit look like?

2. What is the first thing Alexis thinks Bandit wants when he wakes her up?

3. What are some other things that Bandit doesn't want to do?

4. How does Alexis finally figure out what Bandit is trying to tell her?

This passage includes words that students should learn to recognize on sight. We've highlighted 12 of these words below, from the Dolch sight word list for Pre-K through 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd grade. Tip: Read through the passage once with your student. Read a second time, but pause on the sight word and ask your student to say the word.

Sight Word List

1. away
2. down
3. jump
4. black
5. into
6. good
7. know
8. live
9. open
10. walk
11. drink
12. eye

Print and cut-out the flash cards below. Show each sight word to your student and ask them to say the word.

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