

True Stories

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UNIT 1



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1 PRE-READING

A **Look at the picture. Answer the questions.**

1. Do you think dogs can love people?
2. Do you think dogs can love other dogs?

B **Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again. Answer the questions.**

1. What do you think this story is about?
2. Can you guess what happens?

Puppy Love

"Shiro! Shiro!"

Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura were worried. Their dog, Shiro, was missing. "Shiro!" they called again and again. Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura lived on a small island in Japan. They looked everywhere on the island, but they couldn't find Shiro.

The next day, Mr. Nakamura heard a noise at the front door. He opened the door, and there was Shiro. Shiro was very wet, and he was shivering.

A few days later, Shiro disappeared again. He disappeared in the morning, and he came back late at night. When he came back, he was wet and shivering.

Shiro began to disappear often. He always disappeared in the morning and came back late at night. He was always wet when he came back.

Mr. Nakamura was curious. "Where does Shiro go?" he wondered. "Why is he wet when he comes back?"

One morning Mr. Nakamura followed Shiro.

Shiro walked to the beach, ran into the water, and began to swim. Mr. Nakamura jumped into his boat and followed his dog. Shiro swam for about two miles (3.2 kilometers). Then he was tired, so he climbed onto a rock and rested. A few minutes later, he jumped back into the water and continued swimming.

Shiro swam for three hours. Then he arrived at an island. He walked onto the beach, shook the water off, and walked toward town. Mr. Nakamura followed him. Shiro walked to a house. A dog was waiting in front of the house. Shiro ran to the dog, and the two dogs began to play. The dog's name was Marilyn. Marilyn was Shiro's girlfriend.

Marilyn lived on Zamami, another Japanese island. Shiro and the Nakamuras used to live on Zamami. Then the Nakamuras moved to Aka, a smaller island. They took Shiro with them. Shiro missed Marilyn very much and wanted to be with her. But he wanted to be with the Nakamuras, too. So, Shiro lived with the Nakamuras on the island of Aka and swam to Zamami to visit Marilyn.

People were amazed when they heard about Shiro. The distance from Aka to Zamami is two and a half miles (4 kilometers), and the ocean between the islands is very rough. "Nobody can swim from Aka to Zamami!" the people said.

Shiro became famous. Many people went to Zamami because they wanted to see Shiro. During one Japanese holiday, 3,000 people visited Zamami. They waited on the beach for Shiro. "Maybe Shiro will swim to Zamami today," they said. They all wanted to see Shiro, the dog who was in love.

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2 VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words below.

amazed curious missing rough shivering

1. Shiro disappeared. The Nakamuras looked everywhere for him, but they couldn't find him. Their dog was _missing_.
2. Shiro always came back at night. He was wet and cold, so he was _____.
3. "Where does Shiro go?" Mr. Nakamura wondered. He wanted to know. One day he followed his dog because he was _____.
4. Shiro's swimming surprised people. "Nobody can swim from Aka to Zamami!" they said. People were _____ when they heard about Shiro.
5. It was difficult for Shiro to swim because the ocean was _____.

3 COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. "Puppy Love" is about
   a. two islands in Japan.
   b. a Japanese holiday.
   c. a dog who visits his girlfriend.
2. People were amazed when they heard about Shiro because
   a. dogs don't usually fall in love.
   b. swimming from Aka to Zamami is very difficult.
   c. Shiro is an unusual name for a dog.

UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of the answer on the line.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura were worried __c__
2. Shiro was always wet when he came back _____
3. Mr. Nakamura followed Shiro _____
4. Shiro swam to Zamami _____
5. Three thousand people went to Zamami _____

a. because his girlfriend lived there.
b. because he was curious.
c. because their dog was missing.
d. because he swam in the ocean.
e. because they wanted to see Shiro.

REVIEWING THE STORY

Write the missing words. Then read the story again and check your answers.

Mr. Nakamura was curious about his dog, Shiro. Shiro often ___disappeared___ (1.) in the morning and _____ (2.) back late at night. He _____ (3.) always wet when he came back.

One morning Mr. Nakamura _____ (4.) Shiro. Shiro walked to the beach, ran into the water, and began to _____ (5.). He swam to Zamami, a Japanese island. Marilyn lived on Zamami. Marilyn was Shiro's _____ (6.).

People were amazed when they heard _____ (7.) Shiro. The _____ (8.) from Aka to Zamami is two and a half miles, and the ocean between the islands is very _____ (9.).

Shiro became _____ (10.). Many people went to Zamami because they wanted to see Shiro, the dog who was in _____ (11.).

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4 DISCUSSION / WRITING

Shiro is the Nakamuras' pet. Shiro does something unusual. He swims two and a half miles to visit his "girlfriend."

A **Interview a classmate who has a pet. Ask your classmate the questions below. Listen carefully and write your classmate's answers.**

1. What kind of pet do you have?

_____

2. What is your pet's name?

_____

3. How old is your pet?

_____

4. Is your pet smart like Shiro?

_____

5. Does your pet do anything unusual?

_____

6. What do you like to do with your pet?

_____

7. Do you want more pets?

_____

B **Tell the class what you learned about your classmate's pet.**

C **Use your classmate's answers to write a paragraph on your own paper. Here is what one student wrote.**

Irma has a pet goldfish. His name is Tiger, and he is about one year old. Irma named her fish Tiger because he has stripes like a tiger. Tiger is not smart like Shiro. Tiger doesn't do anything unusual. He just swims around in his goldfish bowl. Maybe Irma will buy another goldfish. Then Tiger will have a friend.



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