

Ready to Go

Anna got her suitcase with the pink flowers from the closet. Her family was going on a trip to visit Grandma. Anna packed some books. She also packed a game, a CD player, and a doll.

"Now I am ready to leave," thought Anna.

Anna walked down the stairs. She saw her dad taking suitcases to the car.

"Anna, please close the door for me," said Dad.

Anna closed the door. She did not want her dog, Jack, to run out. Sometimes Jack ran to another house. Jack liked to play with kids. He would beg them for something to eat.

One afternoon, Jack took an ice cream cone from a little boy. Jack's face ended up covered with ice cream. Everyone laughed at Jack. He looked so funny! The little boy was very upset, though. Anna promised to get another ice cream cone for him.

Anna did not want Jack to get out today. She wanted to leave on the trip right away.

Dad came back into the house with the neighbor boy, Sam.

He would take care of Jack when Anna's family went on the trip.

"Anna," said Dad, "Please tell Sam about our dog."

First, Anna showed Sam where the dog bowls were.

"Keep the water bowl full," said Anna. "Jack gets so thirsty. He likes to drink lots of water."

Sam wrote a note about the water bowl on some paper.

"Feed Jack two times a day," said Anna. "Do not feed him more. He will eat too much!"

"I will feed Jack only twice a day," said Sam.

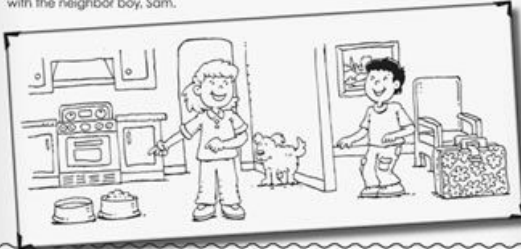
"After Jack finishes eating, he always goes outside," said Anna.

"Okay, I will remember to take Jack outside in the yard," said Sam.

"What else do you want to know?" asked Anna.

"I know what to do," said Sam. "I will take good care of Jack."

"Thanks, Sam!" said Anna.



"Ready to Go" Questions

Name: _____

Directions: Read the story "Ready to Go." Then, answer the questions.

1 Why did Anna pack her suitcase?

2 Why did Dad ask Anna to close the door?

3 Why does Anna want to be sure Jack doesn't get out today?

4 What happened in the past when Jack ate ice cream?

5 Why does Anna tell Sam how to take care of her dog?

6 Why is Sam writing notes while Anna is talking?

7 Why does Jack need lots of water in his bowl?

8 Why will Sam feed Jack his food only twice a day?

