



Saving a Dog

Part 1

Teacher Reads In this story, three friends are in a park. As they get closer to the marshland (an area of wet, muddy land), they see something unexpected in the reeds.

Barb, Todd, and Arlo were going down a path in the
11 park. As they came to the marshland, they saw a black
22 dog in the reeds.

26 Arlo said, “Look at that dog. He has a scar on his
38 chest. We should stay far from him. He may bite us.”

49 “He is not well,” Barb said. “He needs help. I think
60 we should help this dog.”

Part 2

Teacher Reads The three friends are concerned, or very worried, and need to figure out what to do about the dog.

65 The three pals went down the path away from the
75 marshland. When they were close to Todd’s home, he
84 stopped and contacted the vet.

89 Todd explained, “You have to help this dog. He is
99 at the back of the park, in the marshland. He has
110 a scar on his chest, and he is not well. He seems
122 very frightened!”

124 When Todd hung up, he spoke to Barb and Arlo.
134 “The vet will do what he can to help the dog. He will
147 keep the dog in his yard and look after him. But after
159 ten days, the dog has to be **adopted**.”

**Part 3**

Teacher Reads Keep reading to find out what happens after the ten days have come and gone.

167 Barb went to the yard each day to see the dog.

178 Ten days passed. The next day, Arlo and Todd were

188 at the park to meet Barb. At last, there she was! Barb

200 smiled and said, “I will tell you why I am late. I had to

214 make a stop.”

217 Then Barb yelled, “Come to me, Champ!” The black

226 dog that had been at the vet came running to Barb.

237 “I would like you to meet my dog, Champ. I adopted

248 him!” said Barb with a big smile.

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