

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

Ann and Frank

One day, Ann and her big brother Frank went to the lake with their hound dog Rover. Rover is a very good dog paddler, and he loves the water. Frank threw a long stick into the lake for Rover.

“Fetch!” Frank shouted. Rover ran along the bank, then jumped into the deep lake, making a big splash. It took him a long time to find the stick on the dark water, but soon he came out with the slimy stick in his mouth.

“No!” Ann yelled, seeing that Rover was about to shake. The big dog shook anyway, giving both Ann and Frank a cold shower. Wiping her face on her t-shirt, Ann laughed. Frank laughed, too. “Funny dog,” he said, patting the dog’s wet head.

The sun started to drop in the sky and some grey clouds rolled in. They began walking home along the path in the woods.

“It’s kind of spooky,” Ann said, holding tightly to Rover’s leash.



Frank ran ahead then hid behind a big pine tree. “Boo!” he shouted, jumping out in front of his little sister.

Ann screamed. “That’s so mean. I’m going to tell Mom.”

Suddenly, Rover started barking wildly. He jerked away, making Ann drop the leash.



“No. Stop, Rover!” Frank yelled, chasing after the dog through the trees. The barking soon sounded very far away.

“Wait for me!” Ann shouted. “It’s too dark.”

Frank took her by the hand, pulling her along behind him. They were not worried about Rover, who knew how to get home. The kids continued walking down the path.

A few minutes later, a loud crashing nearby made them stop. Frank pulled Ann in behind a big rock. The crashing noise was getting louder and closer! “Is it a monster?” she cried, covering her eyes.

Peeking out, Frank laughed. It was Rover crashing back through the trees, chasing a small, brown rabbit.

“No, Rover!” Frank yelled. “Stop!”

And Rover did stop. Not because Frank told him to, but because the tiny rabbit had disappeared in the brush. Rover ran in circles, sniffing the ground.

“That bunny was a lot smaller than you,” Ann said. “Pick on somebody your own size.”

As they began walking back to the path, a spooky howling sound filled the air. Awooo! Awooo!

“Wolves!” Frank said as the howling got closer and closer.

Tucking his tail between his legs, Rover pulled the kids quickly through the woods all the way home. Frank slammed the door behind them.

“Silly dog,” Ann said, scratching Rover’s ears. “Those wolves were showing you how that little bunny felt with you chasing after her.”

“Did you have fun?” Mom asked.

“Well, it was exciting,” Frank answered.

“But we’re very happy to be home!” Ann said. “Especially Rover!”



Questions:

1. What type of swimming does Rover do?

2. Why did Ann tell Rover to pick on somebody his own size?

3. Was there a monster in the woods?

4. Why was Rover happy to be home?

Answers:

1. What type of swimming does Rover do?

Rover does dog-paddling.

2. Why did Ann tell Rover to pick on somebody his own size?

Ann told Rover to pick on somebody his own size because he was chasing a small rabbit.

3. Was there a monster in the woods?

There wasn't a monster, the noise came from Rover chasing the rabbit.

4. Why was Rover happy to be home?

Rover were scared when he heard wolves in the woods, so he was happy to be home and safe.