

# ABSOLUTELY LUCY

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## Chapter 1

Answer questions 1-3 before reading Chapter 1.

Use the text to help you answer questions 4-6.

### BEFORE READING

1. What does it mean to be shy?

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### BEFORE READING

3. How could you respond to someone who seems shy?

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### AFTER READING

4. What is the problem for Bobby in Chapter 1?

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### BEFORE READING

2. How can you tell if someone is shy?

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### AFTER READING

5. On page 2, how does Bobby show he is shy?

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### AFTER READING

6. How do Bobby's parents try to help?

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## Chapter 2

Answer question 1 before reading  
Chapter 2.

Use the text to help you answer  
questions 2 and 3.

### BEFORE READING

1. Draw or write about a birthday present you've gotten. Was it a surprise?

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### AFTER READING

2. How would you describe Bobby as a character? Use evidence from this chapter and/or chapter 1 to support your description.

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### AFTER READING

3. How does the author show that Bobby is worried about his present?

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## Chapter 3

Answer questions 1 and 2 before reading Chapter 3.

Use the text to help you answer question 3.

### BEFORE READING

1. How did you get your name?

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### BEFORE READING

2. If you could name a pet, what name would you pick and why?

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### AFTER READING

3. Why does Bobby name his dog Lucy?

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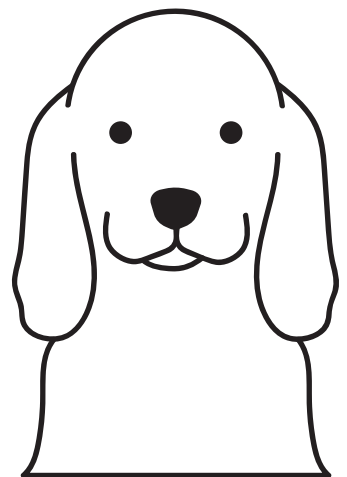
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Bobby reads about Beagles in a library book. You can also read about all kinds of dog breeds at [akc.org](http://akc.org).



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## Chapter 4

Answer question 1 before reading  
Chapter 4.

Use the text to help you answer  
questions 2-4.

### BEFORE READING

1. Draw or write about a pet you know who caused trouble.

### AFTER READING

2. What does Lucy do to cause trouble?

### AFTER READING

3. How does Bobby's dad react to Lucy's mess?

### AFTER READING

4. Circle the character traits Bobby's dad shows when Lucy causes trouble:

impatience    bravery    patience    fear    kindness    forgiveness    hatred

Use examples from the text to show what character traits Bobby's dad has.

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## Chapter 5

Answer question 1 before reading Chapter 5.

Use the text to help you answer question 2 and 3.

### BEFORE READING

1. Make a prediction. The title of Chapter 5 is *Lucy to the Rescue*. What do you think the rescue in this chapter could be?

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### AFTER READING

2. Why is it hard for Bobby to make friends?

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### AFTER READING

3. How does Bobby respond when the toddler at the park is afraid of Lucy? Use words from the text to support your answer.

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## Chapter 6

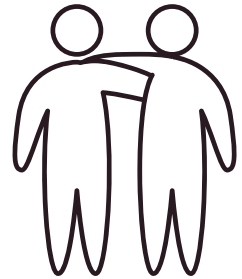
Answer question 1 before reading Chapter 6.

Use the text to help you answer question 2 and 3.

### BEFORE READING

1. List 5 words that describe a good friend:

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### AFTER READING

2. Why does Bobby go to Mr. Davis' house?

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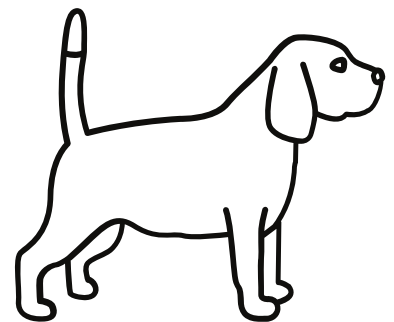
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### AFTER READING

3. How did Lucy help Bobby make a new friend?

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## Chapter 7

Answer question 1 before reading Chapter 7.

Use the text to help you answer questions 1 and 2.



### BEFORE READING

1. Have you ever tried to train a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What is important to remember when training a dog? Circle all that apply.

- a) Be patient and positive
- b) Punish often
- c) Train several hours a day
- d) Give lots of treats and praise



### Did you know?

Did you know you can watch dog training videos at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)?

### AFTER READING

2. Why does Lucy need to go to school?

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### AFTER READING

3. Do you think Bobby should go with her? Why or why not?

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## Chapter 8

Answer question 1 before reading Chapter 8.

Use the text to help you answer question 2 and 3.

### BEFORE READING

1. What advice would you give someone who wants to make friends, but is shy?

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### AFTER READING

2. Read the excerpt from page 54.

*"Hi," said a girl about Bobby's age.  
Bobby looked at the ground. "Hi," he mumbled.  
"My name is Candy," the girl said. "This is Butch." She pointed to her dog, a boxer.  
..."How long have you had Lucy?" Candy asked.  
Before Bobby could answer, Candy said, "We've had Butch about two months."*

What does this excerpt tell you about how Bobby and Candy are different?

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Boxers can be described as bright, fun-loving, and active. Find out more at [akc.org](http://akc.org).



### AFTER READING

3. By the end of the chapter, how does Bobby feel about Candy? What words from the text show how he feels?

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## Chapter 9

Answer question 1 before reading Chapter 9.

Use the text to help you answer questions 2 and 3.

### BEFORE READING

1. Draw a picture of you and your friend doing something you enjoy.

### AFTER READING

2. On page 65 Bobby has a funny feeling in his stomach. What is that feeling?

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### AFTER READING

3. On page 70 how does Lucy help Bobby make a new friend?

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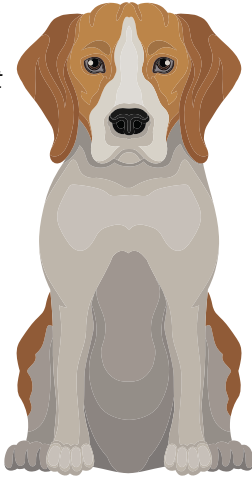
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# Chapter 9

Use the text to help you answer questions 4 and 5.



Beagles are a part of the Hound group. Find out more at [akc.org](http://akc.org).



## AFTER READING

4. On page 70 the author writes

*"The boy was in no hurry to get his ball. He just stood there as Bobby and Lucy came toward him. His eyes were down on the sidewalk.*

*He's not very friendly, Bobby thought. Then Bobby realized that he knew that look. He knew it very well."*

**What does Bobby realize about the boy?**

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## AFTER READING

5. Which character traits describe Bobby in this chapter? Circle all that apply.

kindness    anger    revenge    loyalty    bravery    love    fear

Use examples from the text to show what character traits Bobby has.

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## After Reading Questions

Use the text to help you answer  
each question.

**1. Sometimes people who are shy seem unfriendly. They may not look at you or talk to you. Sometimes you might think shy people are being mean when this happens. Was Bobby trying to be mean when he didn't talk to other kids?**

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**2. What gave Bobby the courage to speak to a boy he didn't know?**

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**3. How did Lucy show Bobby that it's worth the effort to try to make new friends?**

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