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Star's Trip to the Park

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Lesson 69: Murmur
Diphthong AR
Chapter 5

Skill Words

Star	car	Mark	park	yard	far
darts	bark	Darla	cart	start	hard
bar	art	dark	part		

Challenge Words

birds

"Star, Star, let's get in the car!" says Mark to his dog on the way to the park. The yard is fun, but it's not very big. Dogs need space to run.

Star hops in the car with Mom and Mark, and they drive to the park. It's not far.

Mom parks the car in the lot. Star darts out the door with a bark.

Mark runs to catch up, and he tosses a twig. It has bark on the end, which Star likes.

She jumps in the air and snags the twig. She yips and she yaps and she barks. Then, she spins to her left as fast as can be, and she darts for the birds in the park.

“Stop that dog!” Darla hears a boy yell with a start. Just yards from the car, before Star can get far, Darla comes by with her cart. Darla grabs the fast pup, but not hard.

“Hi, sweet pup,” says Darla to Star. “I must stop you from getting the birds. But we can have fun with this stuff in my cart. How do you feel about art? I have dresses and wigs. We can put on a play or a skit. You can be the main star.”

When Mark catches up, he sees Star in a dress with a curly dark wig and a hat. “What have you done to my dog?” he says.

“She’s the star of my skit. Look at that!”

As Mark takes off the hat and the wig, he can’t help but smile. “Thank you for stopping her before she ran too far. Her name is Star, so I bet she liked being the star of your skit.”

Mark takes Star to the part of the park where they had so much fun in the past. He picks up a ball and says with a smile, “On your mark, get set, go!”

Star’s so fast!

Comprehension Questions

1. This story is about a
 - a. girl who dresses up her dog in a wig.
 - b. dog who finds a home.
 - c. boy who takes his dog to the park.
2. What is the name of Star's owner?
 - a. Darla
 - b. Mark
 - c. Starla
3. In the context of this passage, to *dart* means to
 - a. to spring away and run fast.
 - b. an arrow-like weapon that is thrown at a board.
 - c. to run in circles slowly.
4. Based on his reaction, you can tell that Mark
 - a. loves that Darla dressed Star in a dress and wig.
 - b. does not like that Darla dressed Star in a dress and wig.
 - c. wishes Darla had dressed him in a dress and wig instead.