

A story by Martha, illustrated by T.D.

The Deserted Hot Dog

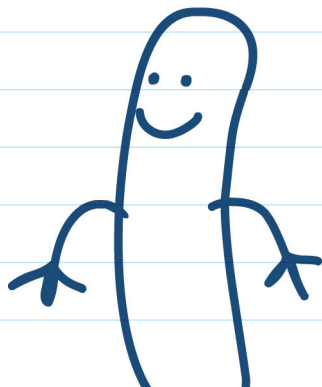


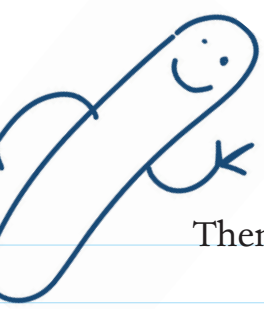
Help Martha write her story! Fill in the blanks with the new words you've learned.

Once upon a time, there was a little hot dog.

It sat on the grill getting nice and warm

with all its hot dog friends.





Then something _____
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happened. Dad took the hot dogs away, but he

_____ the little one.
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“Wait!” the little hot dog cried. “Don’t

_____ me!”
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The little hot dog was left by itself.

“I’d better catch up with my friends,” it said.

The little hot dog rolled off the grill. It fell
on the ground.

“Oof!” it said. “I’m _____ and
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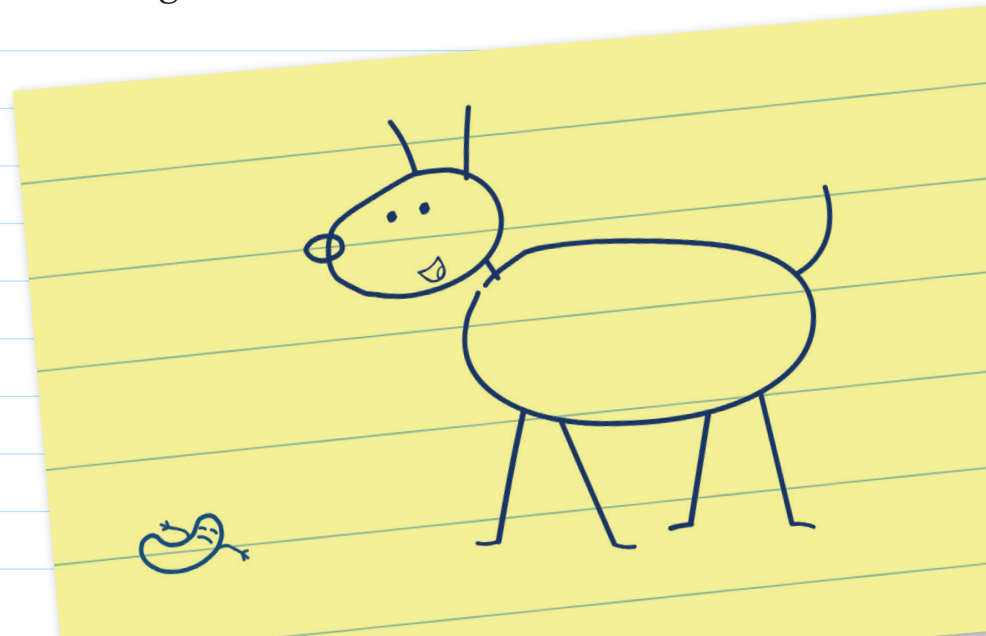
alone. What will I do?”

Just then, something _____
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happened. Martha appeared.

Martha had never _____ a hot
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dog in her life.



“I _____ hot dogs,” she said.

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“I am their most _____ and

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_____ fan. When I was a puppy at

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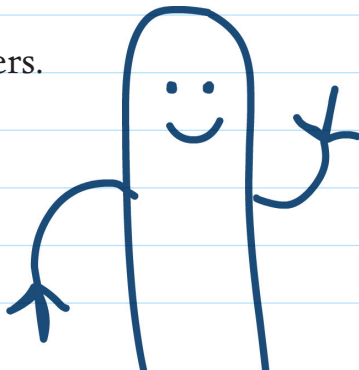
the shelter, I dreamed a hot dog seller would

_____ me. Then I’d eat hot dogs

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all day.”

Martha ate every hot dog, even the little one. It traveled into her stomach, where it joined the others.



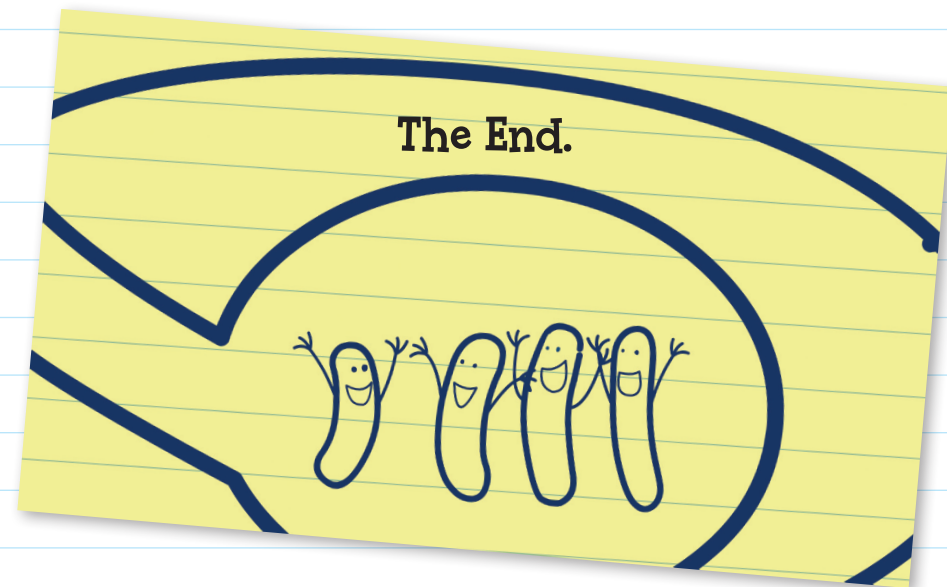
“Woo-hoo!” the hot dog friends cheered.

Being _____ hot dogs, they

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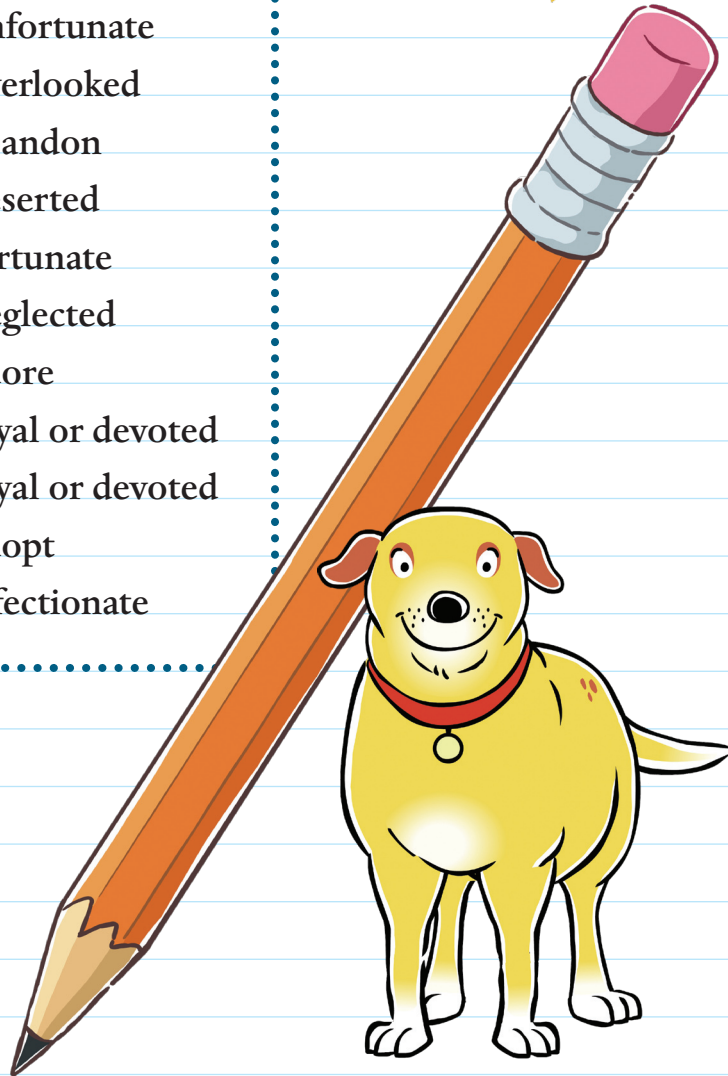
hugged each other. Then they had a party.

The moral of the story is, if you are a lonely, deserted hot dog, come see Martha!



Answers

- 1 unfortunate
- 2 overlooked
- 3 abandon
- 4 deserted
- 5 fortunate
- 6 neglected
- 7 adore
- 8 loyal or devoted
- 9 loyal or devoted
- 10 adopt
- 11 affectionate



Add up your correct answers.
Then read what Martha says:

If you have . . .

9–11 correct answers, you are a **TOP DOG**.

“Congratulations! Way to put your best paw forward!”

6–8 correct answers, you are a **HOT DOG**.

“Nice job! With a little more work, you’re sure to get them all right!”

0–5 correct answers, you are a **POUND PUP**.

“Like the dogs at the shelter learned, practice makes perfect. Keep trying—and you’ll soon be top dog!”