

READ & RECALL

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Grade 4

Maya's Shelter Day

WISDOM

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preceptor reads aloud

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► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Maya arrived at the animal shelter early Saturday morning. Her grandmother smiled and said, "Welcome, volunteer!" Today, Maya would help care for the animals. She felt nervous but excited. "What will I do?" Maya asked. Her grandmother showed her the storage room, where bags of pet food lined the shelves. "We'll start by feeding the dogs and cats," she explained.
- 2 In the dog yard, Maya watched a shy puppy named Copper hide in the corner. Copper had arrived at the shelter only two days ago. He missed his family and felt scared. Maya sat down quietly next to Copper and talked to him in a soft voice. She told him stories about her own dog at home. Slowly, Copper crept closer. He gently sniffed Maya's hand. Then he rested his head on her lap. Maya's eyes filled with happy tears.
- 3 "You have a special gift for understanding animals," her grandmother said. "That's what volunteering is really about—caring for those who need help." Maya realized something important. She wasn't just giving food and attention to the animals. She was showing them that they were safe and loved. That afternoon, Maya spent time with three more dogs and two shy cats. Each animal slowly opened up to her kindness.
- 4 As Maya left the shelter that day, she made a promise to herself. "I'm coming back next Saturday," she told her grandmother. "And the next one, and the next one!" Her grandmother hugged her tight. "You've discovered something special, Maya," she said. "When we help others, even animals, we discover the goodness in our own hearts." Maya walked to the car with a full heart, knowing she had found something she truly loved.

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