



## Dale's First Thunderstorm

Dale was in the garden playing fetch with his dog, Patch. All of a sudden, Dale heard a loud rumble and he could see flashes of light in the sky. It started to rain. 'What is happening?' wondered Dale.

Suddenly, Dale heard Mum shouting from the kitchen.

"Get inside quickly, Dale!" she yelled.

Dale ran towards the house and Patch ran after him.

**Q1:** What is the name of the dog in this story?

**Circle** your answer.

Dale

Fetch

Patch

Rumble

Flashes

**Q2:** Which of these statements are true?

- Mum was playing outside with Patch.
- Dale and Patch were in the garden.
- Patch heard a quiet rumble.
- Mum was in the kitchen.
- Mum whispered to Dale.



"Mum, why is the sky making strange noises and what are all of those lights?" asked Dale.

"It is thunder and lightning, Dale," explained Mum.

"Will it hurt me?" whispered Dale quietly, starting to feel a little bit worried.



"Don't worry, Dale. It cannot hurt you if you are inside and you are staying safe," replied Mum.

"What do I need to do to stay safe? I don't want to get hurt," trembled Dale, hugging Patch.

**Q3:** Which word describes how Dale whispered?



**Q4:** Draw a line to Dale from the **two** words which best describe how he is feeling.

scared

playful

angry

worried

ill

happy



Suddenly, a loud rumble shook the house. Patch barked and ran underneath the couch. Dale jumped.

"There is no need to worry Dale," said Mum, putting her arm around him. "You just need to stay inside and stay away from anything that uses electricity," she explained.

"So, does that mean I can't play on my computer?" asked Dale.

"That's right. Find something else to do for a while," Mum replied.

"Well... what can I do?" wondered Dale, running out of options.



“Why don't you find Patch and play with the ball inside instead?” suggested Mum.

“Good thinking!” exclaimed Dale. “I think Patch could do with cheering up too.”

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**Accept the answer 'quietly' only.**

**Q4:** Draw a line to Dale from the two words which describe how he is feeling.

**There should be lines drawn from the words 'scared' and 'worried' to the picture of Dale in the centre. Both answers are needed to count as the correct answer.**

**Q5:** Why do you think Patch ran underneath the couch?

**Accept any reasonable answer regarding Patch being scared by the thunderstorm, e.g.**

- Patch ran under the couch because he was scared of the thunder.
- Patch wanted to hide from the thunderstorm.
- Patch did not like the thunderstorm and wanted to hide.

**Q6:** Other than playing with Patch, what else could Dale have done next?

**Accept any answer which is something done inside the home which does not involve using electricity, e.g.**

- **Dale could have read a book.**
- **Dale could have played a board game with his mum.**