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Worksheet One

This worksheet accompanies slides 3, 5, 9 and 10 of *Reading Literature 3.ppt*

Dilemma Dog

Read and analyze the story *Dilemma Dog*. You can use the table at the end of the worksheet to analyze the characters and setting in the story. Use examples and quotations from the story to support your answers.

Dilemma Dog

Part 1

"You're not going straight home, are you?" asked Carly.

Steph shrugged. "My mom's expecting me."

"Yeah, but it's such a nice day!" The sun was blazing as they slipped through the school gates. "A few minutes aren't gonna hurt!"

"Guess not," smiled Steph. "Where are we going?"

"First stop – the store," Carly declared. "We need ice cream. Urgently. It's an emergency!"

"But I don't have any money," said Steph.

Carly laughed. "Me neither! So what? Just trust me!"

As they turned the corner, Steph trailed behind...

Carly was taking forever in the store. Steph waited outside as the minutes dragged by. She was definitely going to be late and her mom was definitely going to hit the roof. What was Carly up to?

Steph wanted to go and find her – but what if Carly got her into trouble? Maybe it would be better to just slip away now, before Carly came out? But if she did that, maybe Carly wouldn't want to be friends anymore...

The sun beat down on the street, making little shimmering waves in the hot air. A big dog in a nearby parked car barked at her. She turned her back. Carly should've been out by now. Had something happened? What should she do?

As time wore on, the afternoon seemed to get even hotter. The dog in

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the back seat, with its tongue hanging out.

She went closer, but the dog didn't move. Its eyes were open, but they looked glassy and dazed. She tapped on the window. It was so hot she snatched her hand away. The dog didn't notice. Didn't people know dogs die in hot cars?

She looked around. The sunny street was empty. What should she do? Go home? But what about the dog? Ask for help in the store? But what if they thought she was with Carly?

She tried the car doors. All locked. The dog lay very still. It was hardly breathing...

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Part 2

It was no good. She had to do something. She took a deep breath and ran into the store.

"Steph!" said Carly. Her eyes were red and she'd been crying. On the counter in front of her was a carton of melting chocolate ice cream.

"Oh, so here's the accomplice!" growled the shopkeeper, who had a phone in his hand. "Come to check on your little friend, have you?"

"Please," said Steph. "There's a dog outside and I think it's dying!"

"That's a good one," snapped the shopkeeper. "And when I go to look, you two will run away. Not a chance, young lady. You're in trouble now."

Carly started sobbing. Steph froze – what should she do now?

"Please," said Steph. "Just come and look at the dog. He really is in trouble."

The shopkeeper pointed a finger at Carly. "Stay put," he warned. He went to the door and glanced out.

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"Nothing wrong with that dog," he said. "He's just sleeping."

"No he's not!" Steph insisted. "He's sick. That car's too hot."

"Don't try and change the subject," said the shopkeeper. He went back to Carly, who was still in tears. "Now, young lady. I think we'd better call your parents, hadn't we?"

Steph felt like crying too. Why wouldn't they listen?

The shopkeeper's phone call droned on and on. On and on, while time was ticking away for the dog. Why wouldn't anybody listen? Carly sobbed on and on. Didn't she care about anything but herself?

Anger surged through Steph's veins. She picked up a can of soup and darted out of the store. CRASH! The can shattered the front window of the car. Air rushed into the car as the alarm went off.

Later, as she waited at the back of the store for her mom, Steph watched the dog drink from a bowl of cold water. She was in deep, deep trouble, but there would be time for that later. Right now, the simple sound of a dog lapping filled her up with joy.

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Question	Answer	Evidence
Where does <i>Dilemma Dog</i> take place? What is the setting?		
What is the dilemma in <i>Dilemma Dog</i>? Who has the dilemma?		
How would you describe Steph?		
How would you describe Carly?		

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Worksheet Three

This worksheet accompanies slide 7 of *Reading Literature 3.ppt*

Writing a summary

Cut out these boxes and put them in the correct order. Did you remember to include all of these events in your summary?

Steph sees a dog in a parked car. The dog is suffering from the heat and collapses.

Carly talks her friend Steph into going to the store instead of straight home.

Steph goes into the store. The shopkeeper accuses her of being an accomplice to shoplifting.

Carly says it doesn't matter that they have no money for ice cream. She goes into the store but doesn't come out.

Steph tells the shopkeeper about the dog, but he won't listen.
Steph breaks the car window to save the dog.

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Worksheet Four

This worksheet accompanies slide 10 of *Reading Literature 3.ppt*

Comparing characters

Fill in the table with answers to the questions. Use quotations from the story as evidence to support your answers.

Questions	Answers
How does Carly feel when she is accused of stealing?	
How does Steph feel when she is accused of stealing?	
Why is Steph angry at Carly for crying?	
Which character do you think is braver?	