



Chapter 1



Annie and Ted walked home from school together on a sunny Friday afternoon. "Next week is the last week of school. Then it's summer vacation. I can't wait!" said Annie. "I'm going to go shopping this weekend. I need sunscreen and some new sunglasses." "Hold on, Annie!" said Ted. "We have work to do this weekend. Did you forget about our homework? We have to interview people and write a report."



report

"No, I didn't forget. But we don't have a topic, Ted," said Annie. "Let's think," said Ted.



Digger was waiting quietly when Annie and Ted arrived at Maple Lane. He usually barked happily at Annie. "What's wrong, Digger? You're as quiet as a mouse," said Annie. Ted looked at Digger's paw and said, "Look! Digger has a cut! Let's take him to your dad's clinic."



topic



paw



cut



clinic

At the clinic, Dr. Day pulled a piece of glass out of Digger's paw.

"There was some glass in the street near our house," said Annie.

Dr. Day said, "When Digger was little, Sunnyville was safe for animals. Now our streets are worse than the streets in a big city."



Dr. Day cleaned Digger's cut. He gave him a special collar. "Now you can't lick your cut, Digger," said Dr. Day.



The nurse came in. "Ranger Cruz is here with a duck," she said. "The duck has fishing line around its body."



safe



collar



fishing line



body

Ranger Cruz brought in the duck. "Hi, Dr. Day. I found this duck near the lake at the state park," she said. "It can't walk or swim, so it can't catch fish. It has some cuts on its wings, too."

Dr. Day quickly cut the fishing line and cleaned the cuts. "Don't worry," he said. "This duck will be as happy as a clam in a week. Take care of it." Ranger Cruz thanked Dr. Day and left with the duck.



"People shouldn't leave fishing line in the lake," said Annie sadly. "That's right. Litter is dangerous for wild animals," said Dr. Day. "And pets, too," said Annie.



wing

dangerous - not safe

Annie and Ted left the clinic. Annie was quiet.
 "What are you thinking?" asked Ted.
 "I'm sad, Ted," answered Annie. "Why are people so
 careless? We all should take care of the animals."
 "Maybe people don't know," said Ted.
 "Well, who will tell them?" asked Annie.



It was 6:30 P.M. when Annie and Ted arrived at Maple Lane.
 "Let's talk on the phone after dinner. We have to talk about
 our report," said Annie.



careless

Later that evening, Ted told Mr. Lee about the report.
 Mr. Lee had an idea. "I'm leading the Clean Sunnyville
 Walk tomorrow," he said. "Come with me! You can
 bring my video camera and interview people there."



Ted called Annie. She was excited about the Clean
 Sunnyville Walk.
 "It sounds great! I'm glad people want to clean up our
 streets and parks!" said Annie.
 Ted smiled and said, "Annie, I think we have a topic!"



lead



video camera



excited

glad - happy



Review 1

Cross out the mistakes. Write the correct words.

1.



Next week is the last day of school.
Then it's summer vacation!

2.



We have to interview people
and write a letter.

3.



Now our streets are better than
the streets in a big city.

4.



Why are people so dangerous? We
all should take care of the animals.

5.



You can bring my video game and
interview people there.

6.



Annie, I think we have a report!

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