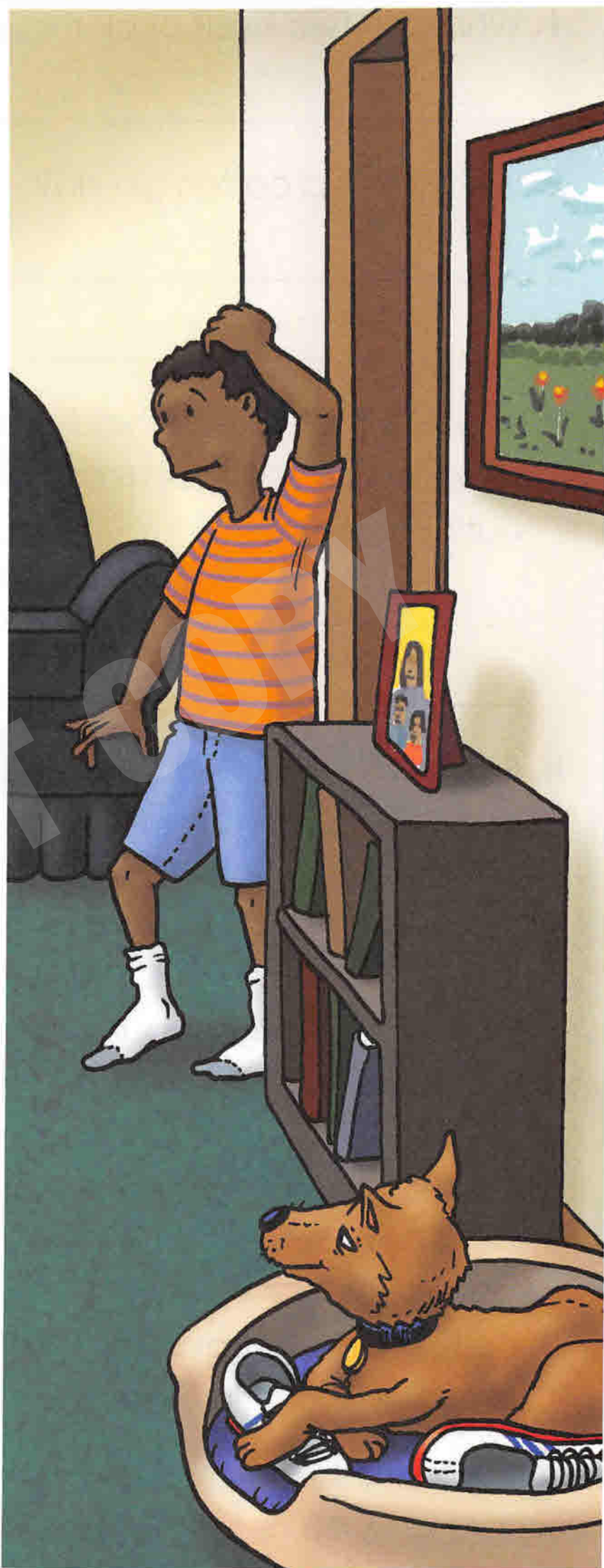


# Baxter's Shoes

Where would you look for missing shoes?

- 1 "I was sure I put them in my closet," I said to Mom.
- 2 "Well, maybe you should look again," Mom smiled, but she didn't get up to help. I knew the rule. If the shoes go on your feet, you keep track of them. I guess she was right. She never asked me where her shoes were. I kept looking.
- 3 The front hall, the back porch, and the basement were next. Then, I looked under my bed, in the corner of the kitchen, and by the family room sofa.
- 4 A thump from the corner made me look over at Baxter. He was on his bed thumping his tail. And there under his paw were my shoes!
- 5 "Baxter! Those are *my* shoes. Why are *you* keeping track of them?"



1. Most stories include a problem. What is this story's problem?

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2. As you began to read "Baxter's Shoes," who did you think Baxter was?

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3. The **narrator** is the person who tells a story. Whom does the narrator ask for help?

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4. What is Mom's rule about shoes?

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5. Does this story seem realistic to you? Why or why not?

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6. **She never asked me where her shoes were.** Is this a fact or an opinion?

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7. Do you think the boy in the story has lost his shoes before? Explain.

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8. What do you do when you have lost something at home?

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