

## Passage 7 Making Inferences and Predictions

# The Right Pet

Will sat on the kitchen floor. He was holding a cookie next to a tiny hole in the wall. Will's father came into the kitchen.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"Quiet, please," said Will. "You will scare it."

"What will I scare?" asked Will's dad.

"The mouse!" said Will. "This is a mouse hole."

"That hole does not belong to a mouse," said his dad. "I made it."

"How?" asked Will.

"I banged a chair leg into the wall. I am going to fix the hole," said his dad.

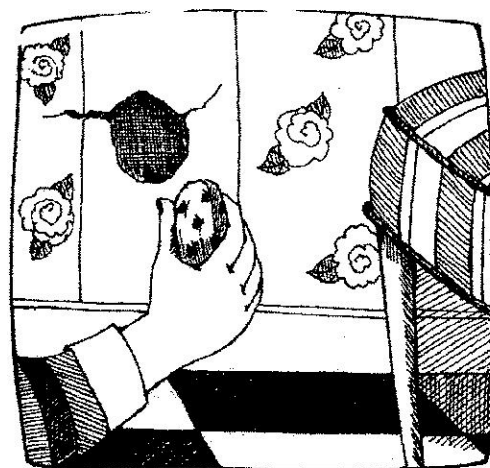
Will looked at his father. Then he looked down at the floor.

"What is wrong?" asked his father.

Will said, "Cats make Mom sick. Our apartment is too small for a dog. I thought I had found a pet at last."

His father smiled. "Wild animals do not make good pets, Will. I have a better idea. Would you like to go to the pet store?"

"Of course," Will said as he stood up. He put the cookie in his mouth. He was ready to go.



**1. Why do you think Will was holding a cookie?**

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**2. How do you think Will felt when he looked down at the floor?**

- (A) happy (C) tired  
(B) surprised (D) sad

**3. What do you think Will and his father will do next?**

- (A) Make a hole in the wall. (C) Buy a pet mouse.  
(B) Get a mousetrap. (D) Make some cookies.

