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# The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

Circle group

Ben had one red sock. The other was gone. He looked under his bed. No sock.

Ben went out to the sandbox. He saw a hole. It was a tunnel! A tail stuck out. Wag, wag, wag.

It was Dot, his pup. She came out. A red sock was in her mouth!

Ben gave Dot a rope toy. Dot let go of the sock. Ben had two socks. Dot had a toy.

## Questions

**1. What color was the sock that Ben lost?**

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**2. Where did Ben see a hole?**

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**3. What stuck out of the hole?**

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**4. What did Ben give Dot?**

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**5. Why did Dot let go of the sock?**

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## Words to know

sandbox: a box filled with sand for play
tunnel: a hole that goes under the ground
wag: to move back and forth quickly
pup: a young dog
sock: a soft cover you wear on your foot inside a shoe

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# The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

Triangle group

Ben had one red sock. The other sock was gone. He looked under his bed. He looked in the bath. No sock.

Then Ben went out to the sandbox. He saw a small hole. It was a tunnel! Out of the hole stuck a tail. Wag, wag, wag.

It was Dot, his pup. She backed out of the tunnel. A red sock was in her mouth. Dot had dug a hiding place for it.

Ben gave Dot a rope toy. Dot dropped the sock. Now Ben had two red socks, and Dot had a new toy.

## Questions

**1. What color was the sock that Ben lost?**

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# The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

Square group

Ben had only one red sock, because the other one had vanished. He searched under his bed and inside the bathtub, but there was no sign of it anywhere.

Then Ben wandered out to the sandbox. He noticed a small hole in the sand. It was a tunnel! A furry tail was sticking out of it, wagging back and forth.

It was Dot, his playful pup. She backed slowly out of the tunnel with a red sock in her mouth. Dot had dug a secret hiding place for it.

Ben offered her a rope toy to chew. Dot dropped the sock right away. Now Ben had a pair of red socks, and Dot had a brand new toy.

## Questions

**1. What color was the sock that Ben had lost?**

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**2. Where did Ben notice a small hole?**

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**3. What was sticking out of the tunnel?**

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**4. What did Ben offer Dot to chew?**

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**5. Why do you think Dot dropped the sock so quickly?**

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# For the teacher: The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

### Circle: The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

Easier · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.2

1. Red.
2. In the sandbox.
3. A tail.
4. A rope toy.
5. She wanted the new rope toy.

### Triangle: The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

This passage · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.6

1. Red.
2. In the sandbox.
3. A tail.
4. A rope toy.
5. She wanted the new rope toy more.

### Square: The Red Sock in the Sandbox Tunnel

Harder · 118 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. Red.
2. In the sand of the sandbox.
3. A furry, wagging tail.
4. A rope toy.
5. She liked the new rope toy better than the sock.