

# Ready for a New Friend

# ELA Day 15

*Will Estéban want to get a new dog?*

1 "I'm home, Mom!" called Estéban as he tossed his backpack on the bench in the hallway. "Are we still going to the mall to buy my shoes tonight?"

2 "I almost forgot," said Mrs. Ramirez, giving Estéban a quick kiss on the top of his head. "Things were a bit chaotic at work this afternoon."

3 "No problem," Estéban replied. "Can we still go to the mall, though?"

4 "Of course we can," said Mrs. Ramirez, hunting for her keys in her purse.

5 Estéban and Mrs. Ramirez were both surprised at how quickly they found the pair of shoes Estéban was looking for. As they left the athletic store, they passed a couple walking in the opposite direction. The man walked slowly, and he gripped the leash of a red harness in his hand. At the other end of the leash was a chocolate Labrador with glossy fur and an eager, friendly face.

6 "Mom," said Estéban as they walked to the parking lot, "was that a seeing-eye dog?"

7 "Yes," replied Mrs. Ramirez. "He looked like such a good, attentive dog, didn't he?" she asked her son, smiling.

8 "Sure," said Estéban. "Are they allowed to go anywhere?"

9 "I think they can go almost anywhere people can," said Mrs. Ramirez. "That's what the dogs are there for—to help their owners do everyday things that they might need a little extra help doing."

10 "I miss Sadie," said Estéban suddenly. Sadie was the sweet-natured mutt that the Ramirez family had adopted when Estéban was just a baby. She had died nearly six months ago, but Estéban still thought of her almost every day.

11 Mrs. Ramirez unlocked the car door and gave Estéban a quick hug with one arm. "I miss her, too, sweetie," she said. "That dog had such a good heart, didn't she?"

12 Estéban nodded. "Mom, you said to tell you when I thought I might be ready to get another dog."

13 Mrs. Ramirez smiled at Estéban in the rearview mirror. "I thought you might be ready soon. How do you feel about the idea of being a foster family to a puppy that will grow up to be a seeing-eye dog?" she asked.

14 Estéban was quiet for a moment. "We'd have to give the puppy back, though, wouldn't we?"

15 "Yes, we'd only have the puppy for about a year. It would be our job to socialize her so she would get used to lots of different kinds of people and places."

16 Estéban grinned. "I think we'd be the perfect foster family for a puppy," he said.

17 "Let's talk about it with your dad tonight," Mrs. Ramirez said. "Then, maybe we can find out some more information on the Internet."

18 "We're getting a puppy!" said Estéban to himself, leaning back in his seat. "There will be so much to teach her!"



1. Number the events below in the order in which they happened in the story.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ramirez asked Estéban if he would be interested in fostering a puppy.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Estéban said that he missed Sadie.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ramirez looked for her keys in her purse.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Estéban saw a man with a seeing-eye dog at the mall.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Estéban and Mrs. Ramirez went to the mall.

2. Estéban and his mother went to the mall because \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Who is Sadie?  
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4. Why would the Ramirez family only have a foster puppy for about a year?  
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5. A **summary** is a short sentence that tells the most important facts about a topic. Check the sentence below that is the best summary for paragraph 5.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The chocolate Labrador wore a red harness.
- \_\_\_\_\_ On their way out of the store, Estéban and his mom passed a man walking a dog with a harness.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Estéban found the shoes he wanted.

Write the words from the story that have the meanings below.

6. in a state of great confusion  
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7. something that fits around an animal's upper body Par. 2  
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8. alert; giving a lot of attention to Par. 5  
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9. abruptly; all at once Par. 7  
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