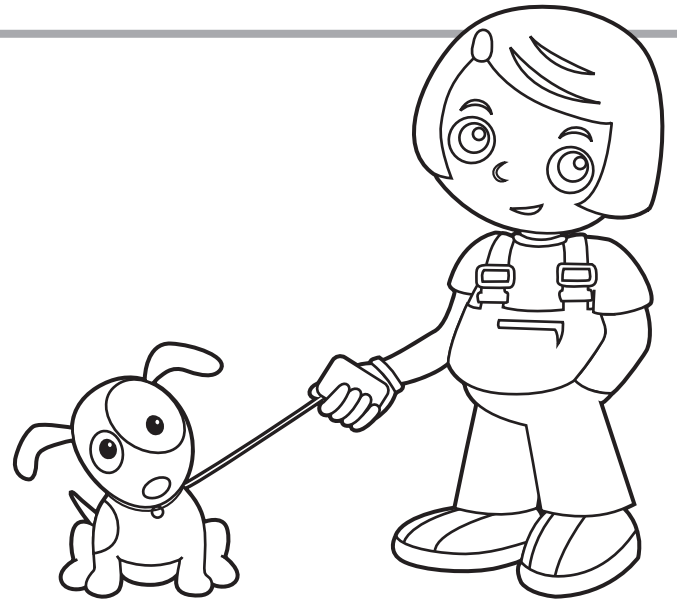


Buster's Run

When Tilly took Buster for a run, he was white with brown patches. But by the time they got home, he'd gone green! Fill in the missing words to find out why...



'Buster!' yelled Tilly, waving the broken lead. 'Come back!' But Buster was off. An _____ newspaper flapped around a park bench. Buster scooped it up. He knew what to do. He belted away over the grass. Tilly was left holding the little _____ bag she always carried to _____ up after Buster. But this time, he hadn't stopped long enough to use it.

Lewis put down his football as Tilly ran up to him. 'Lewis, have you seen my dog? He's white with brown patches. He likes clearing up old newspapers and now he's _____ off with one!' 'Your dog clears up _____? Cool!' Lewis grabbed his phone. 'There's a couple of mates you should meet. I'm texting Rosie and Ryan.'

'Let me see that dog lead,' said Ryan, two minutes later. 'The chain's broken,' Tilly handed it over. 'Might as well _____ it away.' 'Chuck it away? Never! Soon fix this,' said Ryan. 'Trashtastic!' Lewis grinned. 'He always talks like that. Tell Rosie about Buster.' Rosie had turned up too. She _____ carefully as Tilly told her story. 'Buster loves newspapers. As soon as Mum's finished with one, he grabs it, runs out to the red _____ box and drops it in. So when he saw an old newspaper here in the park...'

Tilly's eyes filled with tears.

'I've got an idea,' Rosie checked her watch. 'Come on, gang'.

Ryan handed Tilly the lead. A little padlock _____ the broken bits of chain back together.

'Knew I'd find a way to _____ that old bike lock,' he said. 'Garbageacious!'

They took a short cut through the allotments. Buster wasn't there, but a big hole in the ground was. Right in the _____ of George's vegetable patch.

'A brown-and-white dog dug it,' the twins George and Charlie told them.

'That was my Buster,' said Tilly. 'I'm so sorry! But he's run away.'

Charlie smiled. 'It's OK, that hole's just what I want. Ever heard of a Green Cone? It's a special compost-maker, built over a hole in the _____ and ...'

'Charlie, not now!' said her brother. 'We've got to find that dog!'

At the allotment gates, Rosie checked her watch. '5:30. Just in time!'

'But where's Buster?' Tilly looked up and down the _____ street.

'Think,' said Rosie. 'He likes putting newspapers in a _____ box?'

'But there aren't any red boxes here.'

Rosie pointed.

'Buster, no!' yelled Tilly. 'Not that red box!'

One white paw, one brown paw and one brown-and-white tail were just disappearing through the dark square slot of a _____ box!

'Relax,' Rosie smiled. 'It's 5:30. Here's the postman. He's in for a surprise!'

After the postman had opened the post box and let Buster out, things went a bit crazy. Buster jumped on Tilly, licked Rosie and Ryan, winked at George and Charlie and rolled over to let Lewis tickle his tummy.

'I thought you said your dog was brown and white,' grinned Lewis.

'He is,' said Tilly.

'A dog that picks up litter?' said Lewis.

'And digs holes for _____?' said George and Charlie.

'And recycles newspapers?' said Rosie. 'He's the greenest dog ever!'

'Garbageacious and trashtastic!' giggled Ryan. 'A green dog! Go go green!' Buster _____, as the gang all cheered: 'Go go green!'

Missing Words:

run plastic litter re-use clean fixed post chuck old recycling
empty listened ground red compost barked middle

The right order for the missing words is: old, plastic, clean, run, litter, chuck, listened, recycling, fixed, re-use, middle, ground, empty, red, post, compost, barked.