

My Dog

A dog is missing! Have you seen him? Read to find out about the dog so that you recognise him as soon as you see him.

Have you seen a little dog anywhere about?

A raggy dog, a **shaggy** dog, who's always looking out
For some fresh mischief which he thinks he really ought to do.
He's very likely, at this minute, biting someone's shoe.



If you see that little dog, his tail up in the air,
A whirly tail, a **curly** tail, a dog who doesn't care
For any other dog he meets, not even for himself;
Then hide your mats, and put your meat upon the **topmost** shelf.



If you see that little dog, **barking** at the cars,
A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, with eyes like twinkling stars,
Just let me know, for though he's bad, as bad as bad can be;
I wouldn't change that dog for all the **treasures** of the sea!

—Emily Lewis



Emily Lewis: She is a famous author. Her writing style is simple and interesting. She is best known for works *And Then Came Summer* and *Curious George*, to name a few.

barking: making a short loud sound, especially by a dog
curly: having a lot of curved shape
shaggy: to have long, untidy hair, fur, etc.
topmost: highest
treasures: collections of valuable things such as gold, silver and jewellery

Exercise

A little more of the poem:

1. Why do you think, the poet is looking for her dog?
2. Fill in the blanks and complete the description of the dog.

The dog is *raggy* and *shaggy*.
His tail *up in the air*.
It is a *whirly* tail, a *curly* tail.
His eyes are like *twinkling stars*.



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3. What does the dog love to bite? [Tick (✓) the correct answer.]
(a) mats (b) shoes (c) bone (d) socks
4. What should you hide from the dog? [Tick (✓) the correct answer.]
(a) shoes (b) bone (c) mats (d) toys
5. Why do you think, the dog barks at cars? Do you think all dogs bark at cars?
6. Do you think you would like to own the dog in the poem? Support your answer with a reason.
7. Why do you think the poet says, "I wouldn't change that dog for all the treasures of the sea!"?
8. Imagine, you have a cat as a pet. Fill in the blanks and compose a poem 'My Cat'.

Have you seen a *little cat*... anywhere
A *fat* cat, a *slim* cat who's always *looking out*
For some fresh mischief which she thinks she really ought to do.
She is very likely at *drinking*
Someone's milk.

