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# Playing Catch

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Bella and James went outside to play catch.

“Throw the ball, Bella,” called James.

“I can’t,” Bella said. “The ball isn’t where I left it.”

Bella’s dog, Penny, ran up. She wagged her tail.

Bella hugged her. “Do you know



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“Now she’s running back on the grass,” Bella said. “She has the ball in her mouth!”

“Bring the ball, Penny,” James called.

Penny danced away and ran around the yard.

Bella laughed. “I think Penny wants to play catch, too, but not with my ball. She wants us to try to catch her!”

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1. Who wants to play catch at the beginning of the story?

- a. Bella and Penny
- b. James and Bella
- c. James and Penny
- d. Penny and Mom

2. Why can't Bella throw the ball?

- a. She doesn't know how to throw the ball.
- b. Mom told her not to throw the ball.
- c. She can't find the ball.



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4. What does Penny want at the end of the story?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. catch ● ● moved its tail back and forth (referring to a dog)
2. grass ● ● a round object you play



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4. barked ● ● an area of land around a house
5. ball ● ● made a "Woof!" sound (referring to a dog)
6. yard ● ● short green plants that cover a lawn

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In the story, "Playing Catch," Bella and James' game of catch takes an unexpected turn when their dog, Penny, wants to play!



Tell about your favorite game that you like to play outside. What is the game? Who do you play with? Why do you like it? Use complete sentences.

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## ANSWER KEY

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