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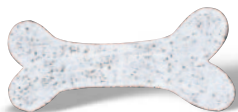
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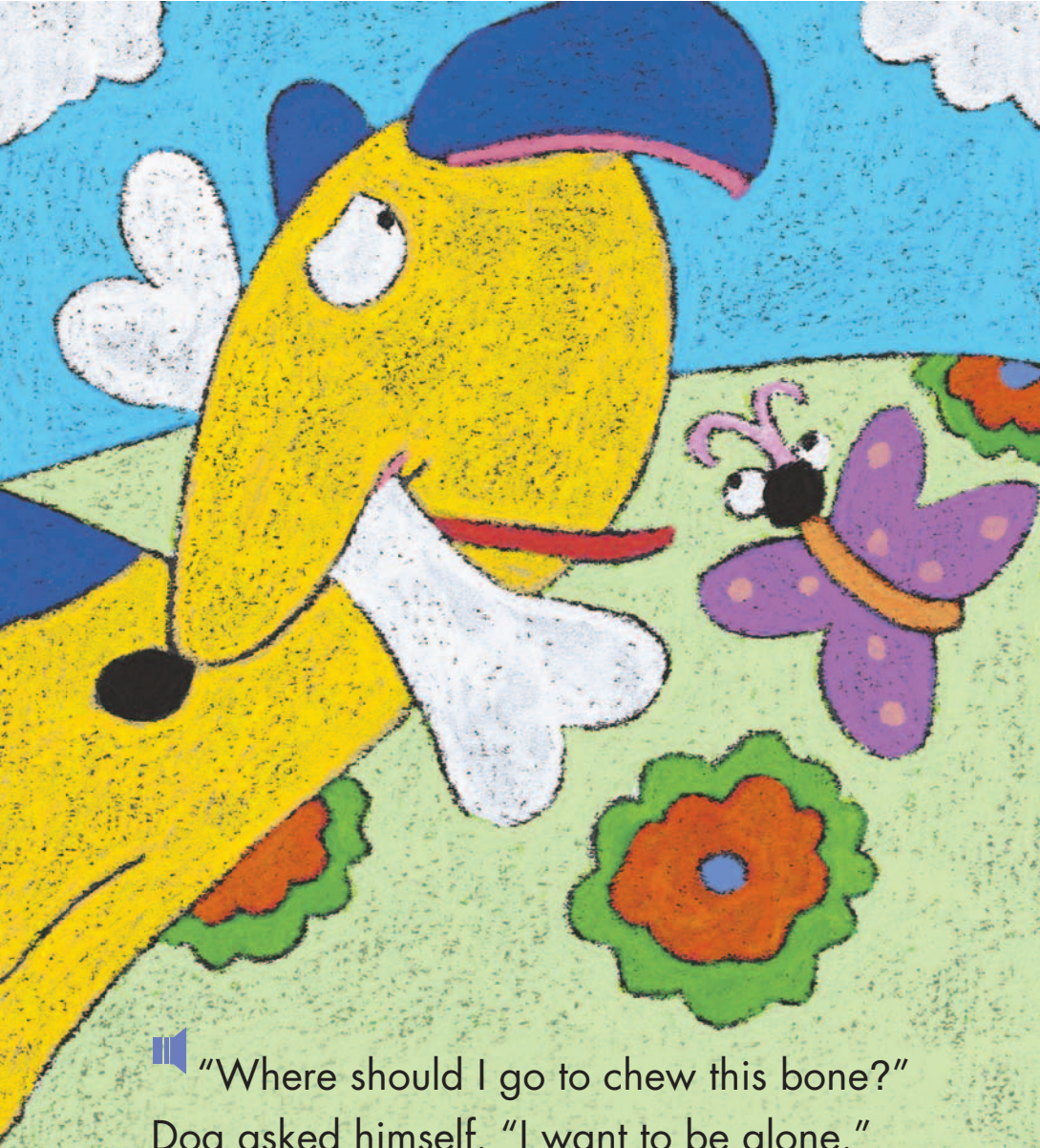
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 Dog was full of good cheer. It was a fine day. The meadow smelled fresh and sweet. Best of all, Dog had a bone to chew.




“Where should I go to chew this bone?”
Dog asked himself. “I want to be alone.”

Dog had a reason for wanting to be alone. He didn’t want to share his bone. Dog was a little bit greedy.



 Dog tried to find just the right spot to eat his bone.


 "This meadow isn't right," he said to himself. "It rained here. The grass hasn't dried. I can't sit on this wet grass. I'll keep on looking. I'll find the right place."




🔊 Dog saw a bird in a tree. The bird fluttered its wings at him.

🔊 "Birds eat a lot," Dog said to himself. "That bird may want to take my bone." He kept on going.




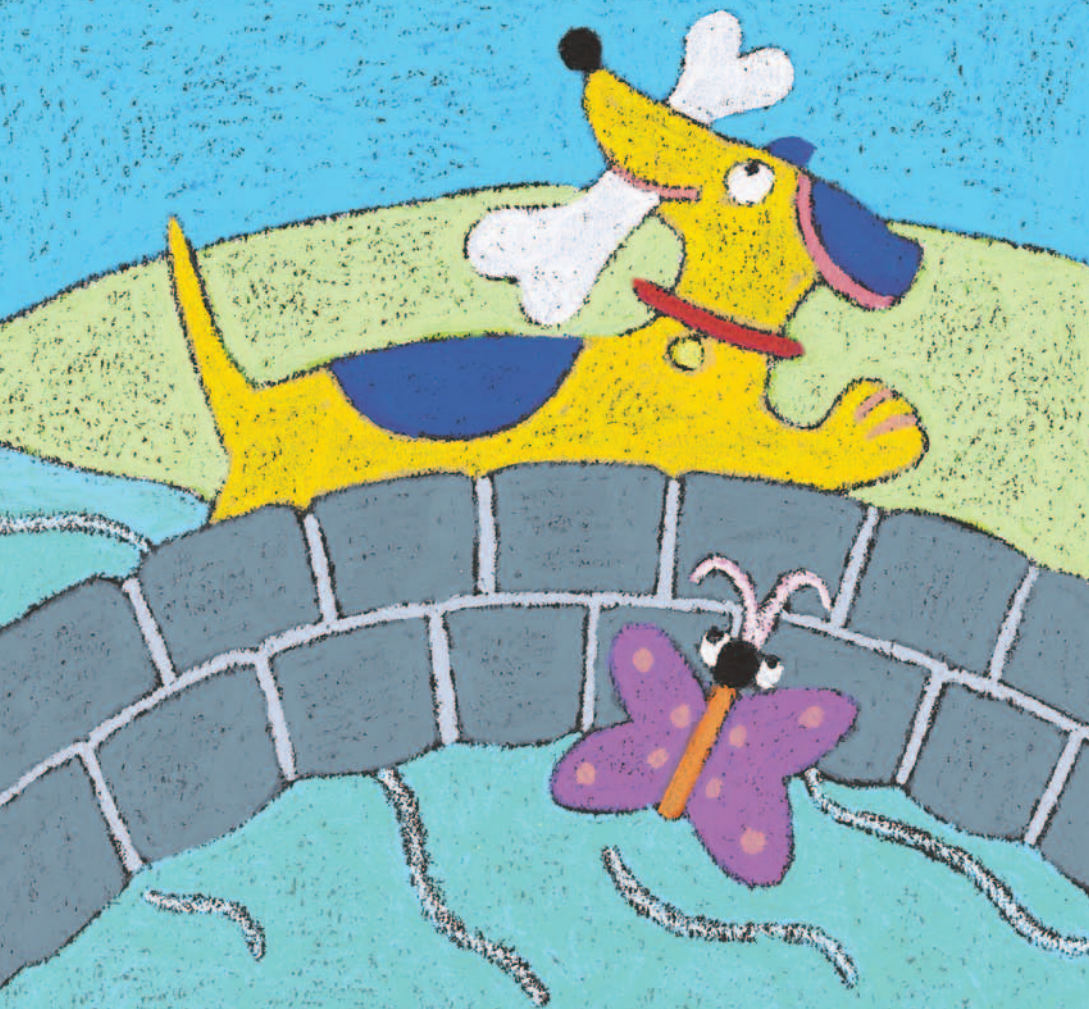
 A fluffy white cat was sitting by a flower. Dog didn't stop. He wouldn't share his bone with a cat!



 Dog went by a stump. He saw a frog sitting there. The frog looked hungry, so Dog didn't stop to chat.



 Dog hurried along until he saw a river. On the other side, there was a very pretty spot. That looked good to Dog. It would be a perfect place to chew his bone.



🔊 Dog trotted up onto the bridge. He stopped to look around.

🔊 "How blue the sky is!" he said to himself.
"It's a good day for a nice bone!"



Then Dog looked down into the water.
What was that he saw down there?



“It’s another dog!” he said to himself.

“It has a bone twice as big as mine!”



🔊 Dog kept looking at the dog in the water.
He wanted that bone! It looked so much
bigger than his.




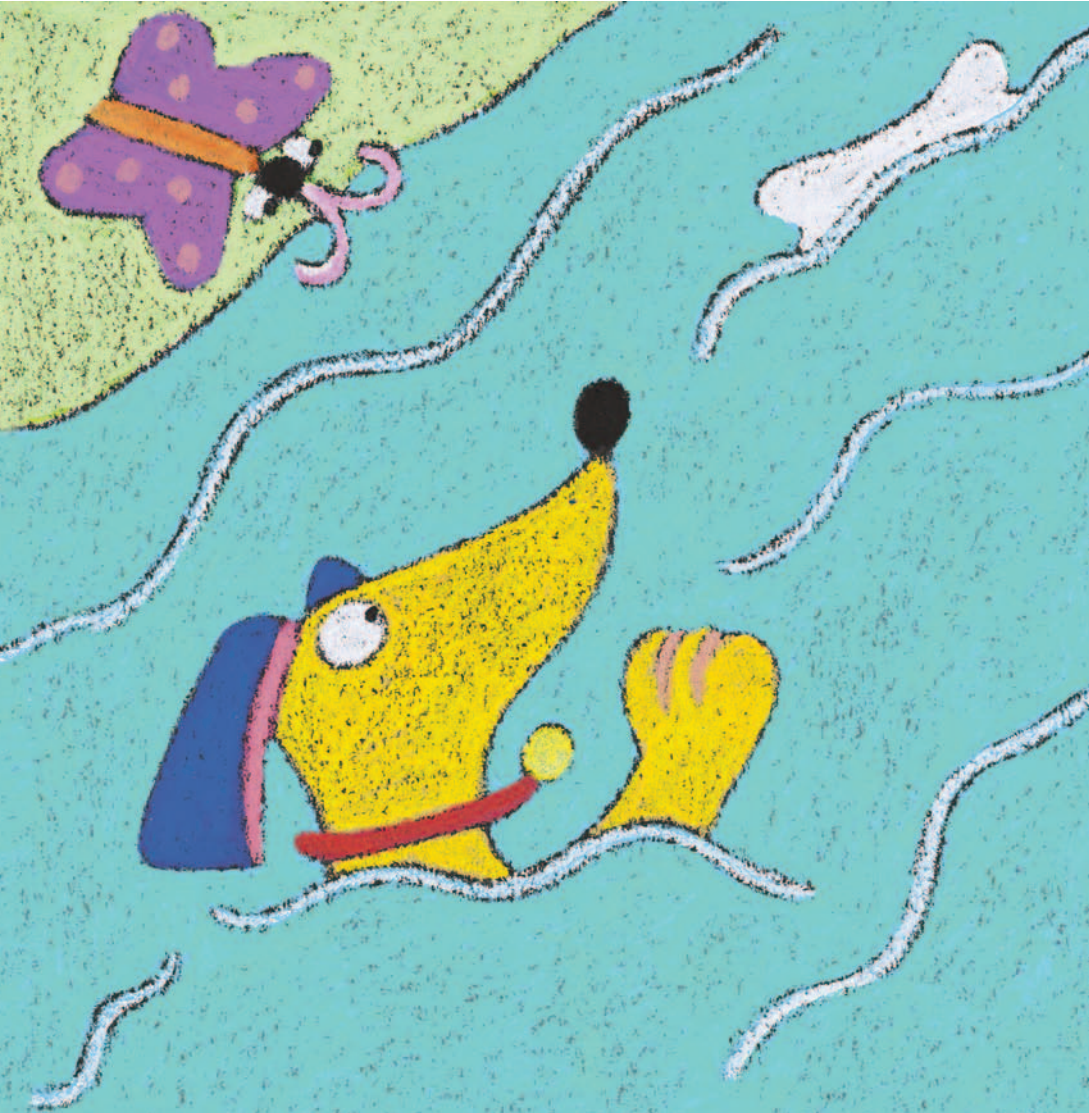
“I need that bone,” Dog said to himself.

“If I jump into the water, I can get it. That dog is bigger than I am, but I can get it!”

Dog was excited. He opened his mouth to bark and dropped his bone. Splash! It fell right into the water!



 Dog jumped into the water. He tried to find the big dog and its big bone. Where were they? Where was the bone he had dropped?









- There was no dog.
- There was no bone.
- Dog had only seen himself in the water.

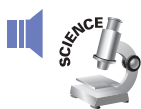


|| The meadow still smelled fresh and sweet. The sky was still blue, but the day was spoiled for Dog.

|| He had no bone at all!

Think and Respond

-  **1** Why does Dog want to be alone?
-  **2** How does Dog feel at the beginning of the story? How does he feel at the end?
-  **3** What do you think Dog learns?
-  **4** Do you think Dog has many friends? What clues are in the story?
-  **5** Compare this with *Cinderella*. How are the stories alike? How are they different?
-  **6** If you could talk with Dog at the end of the story, what would you say?



Expore Reflections Stand behind a partner, both of you facing a mirror. Have your partner hold his or her right ear. Look in the mirror. Then have your partner, still holding that ear, turn to face you. What seems to change?



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