

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

What Mort Really Wants

Old Mother Hubbard lived in an apartment in a large city. She had been there for many years. Her only friend was her little dog Mort. Mort loved to spend the evening sitting in Mother Hubbard's lap.

One evening, Mort barked and barked. Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get him a bone. There was nothing in the cupboard.

"I am sorry, Mort. I do not have any bones," Mother Hubbard said.

Mort whined and whined.

Mother Hubbard put on her coat. "I will go to the butcher's and get you a bone. Be a good dog."



Down, down, down the stairs Mother Hubbard went.
She stepped out into the cold and shivered. The wind
blew her gray hair out of its bun.

“Do you have a bone I can give to my dog?” Mother
Hubbard asked.

The butcher shook his head. “I am sorry. I do not have
any bones.”

Mother Hubbard sighed. She went back out into the
cold. She walked up one street and down another.

She went to the bakery for bread. There was no
bread.

She went to the pizza parlor for
pizza. There was no pizza.

She stopped at the grocery
store for peanut butter. There
was no peanut butter.



Mother Hubbard finally went back home. Mort met her at the door with his tail wagging.

“There are no bones,” Mother Hubbard said.

Mort whined.

“There was no bread.”

Mort whined.

“There was no pizza.”

Mort whined.

“There was no peanut butter.”

Mort whined.

“All I was able to bring home was me.”

Mort jumped up and licked Mother Hubbard’s face. She was all he wanted.



Circle the best answer for each question.

1. Where does Mother Hubbard live?
 - a. Mother Hubbard lives on a farm.
 - b. Mother Hubbard lives in a tent.
 - c. Mother Hubbard lives on the moon.
 - d. Mother Hubbard lives in an apartment.

2. What does Mort want at the start of the story?
 - a. Mort wants a candy bar.
 - b. Mort wants a video game.
 - c. Mort wants a bone.
 - d. Mort wants cereal.

3. Put the places Mother Hubbard went in order.
_____ Mother Hubbard goes to the pizza parlor.
_____ Mother Hubbard goes to the butcher.
_____ Mother Hubbard goes to the bakery.
_____ Mother Hubbard goes to the grocery store.

4. What does Mother Hubbard bring home from her shopping trip?

5. What did Mort really want?
