

Read the passage, answer the questions, and highlight information found in the text you used to answer the questions. Circle the main idea, and put a "?" next to words you don't know.

Shadow

My mother asked me to take Shadow outside to play ball with her. It was a hot day outside, so we don't usually play very long. Shadow's fur makes her get hot quickly. We have a nice neighbor who visits once a week to mow our lawn. The neighbor forgot to lock and close the gate the last time he mowed the lawn. I threw the ball far in the yard. I was happy to see how far I can throw. It landed on the side of the yard that I can't see the gate. Shadow chased the ball quickly. However; she never came back with the ball like she normally does. She escaped from the open gate. I screamed for my mom to help me find her. We walked around the neighborhood shouting her name. After ten minutes of panicking over losing her, she finally came out running from the neighbors yard. I got down on my knees to hug her. She barked and licked my face. My mother placed a leash on her collar. We walked back to our yard to lock and tightly secure the gate. Then, we went inside the house. Shadow went right to her treat jar, begging for one. Even though my mom and I were upset that she escaped from our yard, we knew it wasn't her fault. We tossed her a treat. I wonder if she only came back to us because we have her favorite treats. It doesn't matter. I'm just glad she is home!

1. What caused Shadow to escape?

2. Why did mom place a leash on her?

3. Which text structure did the author use to write the article? (circle one)
a. Problem & Solution **b. Cause and Effect**
4. Explain how you know what kind of animal Shadow is?

5. What was the effect of Shadow coming back home?
