Fang

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Tanya kicks the ball.

She runs fast to get it.

A fat dog bumps into Tanya.

Paco says, “The dog has fangs!”
Scott, Tanya, and Lana are playing with a ball during recess.

Scott rolls the ball.
BAM!
Tanya kicks it.
She runs fast.
Lana says, “I will get the ball.”
Scott and Tanya look for the ball in the bushes. Suddenly, Scott sees something.

“Look, Tanya!” gasps Scott. Tanya looks. She sees a big, fat dog. The dog runs fast. It bumps into Tanya. She falls in the mud.
“Ick!” says Tanya. “Mud is not fun. Go, dog!”
The big dog sits.
He pants.
Paco sees something that scares him.

Paco says, “See the dog’s fangs!”
“FANGS!!” says Tanya.
The big dog says, “RUFF!”
The kids get on the jungle gym.
“Can we fit?” asks Paco.
Lana runs fast.
“Fang!” Lana says.
“Fang is my dog.
He is not bad,” says Lana.
Lana explains that Fang is gentle, even though he has big teeth.

Lana says, “Fang is a fun dog. He likes kids.”

The kids get off the jungle gym.
All of a sudden, Derrick has an idea.

Derrick says, “Can Fang get the ball?”
Lana nods.
“Get the ball, Fang!” says Lana.
Fang puts his nose to the ground. He sniffs everything, trying to find the ball.

Fang runs.
He sniffs.
He digs in a stack of leaves.
The kids say, “Fang got the ball back!”

Fang is a hero. He has found the missing ball!
1. Did the dog have fangs?

2. Was the dog big and fat?

3. Did the kids like Fang?

4. Did Fang like the kids?
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