

Test: (2020) Primary 6 English (Prelim) - MGS

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Select multiple choice answers with a cross or tick:

- Only select one answer
- Can select multiple answers

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.

When I was shown the wallet, I knew at once ____ it belonged to.

- A) that
- B) who
- C) which
- D) whose

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There was a fight at the supermarket when one woman accused another ____ trying to hoard toilet rolls.

- A) of
- B) for
- C) with
- D) against

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Mother suggested ____ the dog for a walk.

- A) take
- B) taking
- C) to take
- D) to taking

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I ____ the old lady if I knew she needed help.

- A) help
- B) helped
- C) would help
- D) would have helped

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" ____ I be given a pay rise, I will give you a treat," Siti promised.

- A) Might
- B) Could
- C) Would
- D) Should

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The jewellery in these jewellery boxes ____ all give to me by my grandmother before she passed away.

- A) is
- B) are
- C) was
- D) were

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___ he was given a chance to confess to the crime, he failed to come clean.

- A) Since
- B) Unless
- C) Despite
- D) Although

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"You'll help to carry the chairs to the hall, ___ you?" the teacher asked the boys.

- A) will
- B) won't
- C) would
- D) wouldn't

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Raju witnessed the burglar into the bungalow.

- A) broke
- B) break
- C) breaks
- D) was breaking

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Jack approached several people with his proposal, but ___ were interested.

- A) few
- B) most
- C) many
- D) some

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"Ali's interest in rugby has begun to ___ ever since his friends introduced him to soccer. He has a stronger passion for soccer now," said the coach.

- A) dim
- B) wane
- C) vanish
- D) recede

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Emily signed up for too many enrichment classes and had difficulty managing her time. She ___.

- A) had the best of both worlds
- B) struck while the iron was hot
- C) bit off more than she could chew
- D) made a mountain out of a molehill

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Su Ling resigned because she could no longer tolerate her manager's domineering ways and his ___ behaviour.

- A) overriding
- B) overacting
- C) overbearing
- D) overwhelming

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We could not believe how Gopal had ___ Zack's tricks again.

- A) fallen on
- B) fallen for
- C) fallen into
- D) fallen over

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The judges were impressed by Aminah's ____ and awarded her first prize in the speech competition.

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- A) elegance
 B) diligence
 C) eloquence
 D) dramatisation

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For each question, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. (5 marks)

My heart was palpating. I was on tenterhooks even before the race began. My nervousness was obvious to those around me.

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- A) anxious
 B) doubtful
 C) confused
 D) terrorised

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My heart was pounding so quickly that I was sure it was audible from a distance. The doctor had reminded me that taking part in the competition would mean a **worsening** of my condition but I was adamant to represent my school in the race as it was my only chance.

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- A) depletion
 B) deterioration
 C) degeneration
 D) disintegration

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when I heard the starter gun, I took off like a deer pursued by its hound. Then what the doctor feared most happened. My kneecap **succumbed** to pressure. "No, please, no!" I cried to myself. The gnawing pain grew.

- A) bowed
- B) yielded
- C) subjected
- D) surrendered

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My legs weakened and I collapsed. When I **came to**, I was unable to walk and my movement was restricted.

- A) became sensible
- B) became conscious
- C) became determined
- D) became courageous

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However, I was undaunted and determined to finish the race delisted my injury.

- A) unresolved
- B) unalarmed
- C) uncertained
- D) unfazed

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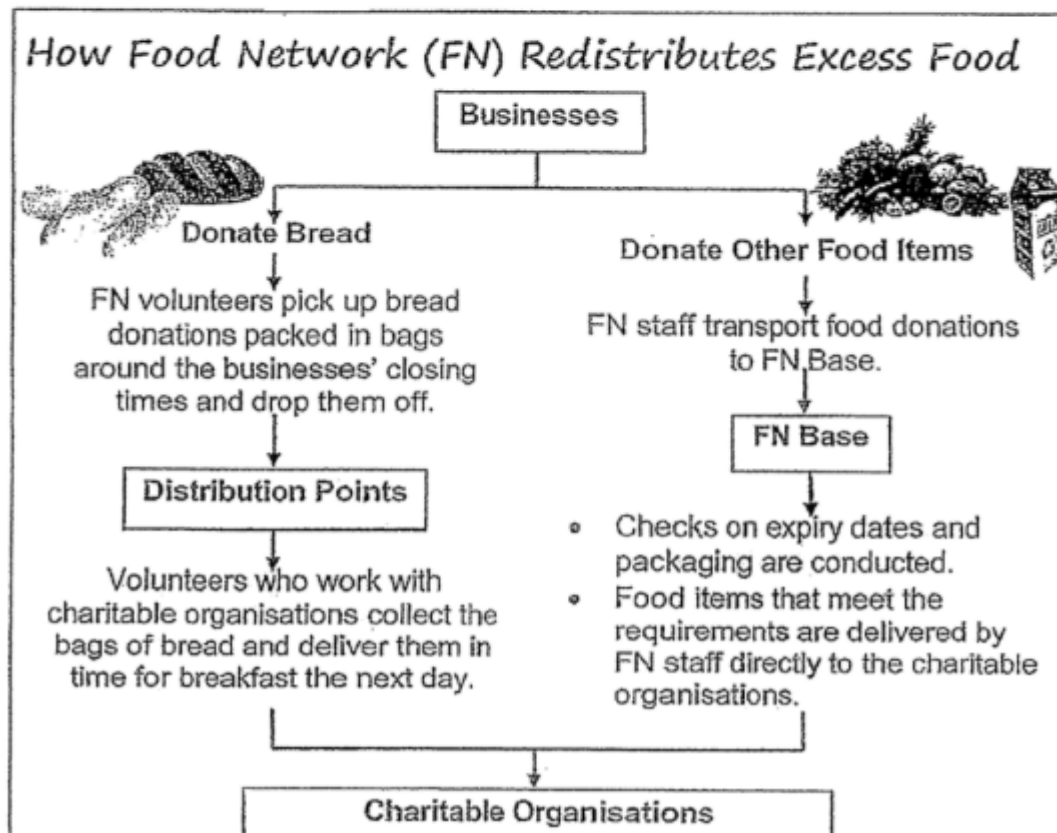
Lead A Lifestyle of 3Rs!

The 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – play a crucial role in protecting the environment. Cutting down on the amount of waste helps to conserve natural resources, landfill space and energy. Minimising waste is everyone's responsibility. You can play a part too.

Killing Two Birds with One Stone

Food is among the five largest sources of waste in Singapore and currently accounts for close to a quarter of the total waste. That is equivalent to the weight of more than 54 000 double-decker buses! There is a pressing need to minimise food wastage, and it starts with avoiding food wastage and excess food production. Excess food can then be redistributed to the needy whenever possible.

Food Network (FN) was therefore set up with that objective to redistribute excess food. It has been saving as much as 50 000 kg of bread and other food items from the bins monthly! More than 100 businesses, mostly bakeries and supermarkets, donate excess food, such as bread, milk, fruits and vegetables that is safe to consume. The donations are picked up daily and handed over to charitable organisations that work with the needy.



How to Minimise Waste at Home

Avoidable food waste, which refers to food that could have been consumed but was not, makes up a significant part of the daily total waste of each household in Singapore. For instance, leftovers

How to Minimise Waste at School



A lot of stationery is used at school. To minimise waste, cultivate the following good habits: ensure that both sides of a piece of paper are

from a meal, blemished fruits and vegetables, and food that has turned bad or been kept past its expiry date are often dumped carelessly. Such waste can be prevented if some good habits are formed. These can include preparing lists before shopping for groceries, adopting good food storage and preparation practices, and making use of leftovers to cook.

used, use refillable pens and markers. Post notices in classrooms instead of making multiple copies for distribution. Donations of uniforms and textbooks that are no longer needed but still in good condition should also be encouraged.

As you can see, there are many practical ways you can protect the environment without having to make dramatic lifestyle changes. Now, it doesn't seem that difficult to make reducing, reusing and recycling a way of life, does it?

Annual Year-End Donation Drive

- ✓ Instead of leaving festive goodies to turn bad, donate them! They must be unopened, in good condition and have at least two weeks of shelf life left.
- ✓ If there are textbooks you will not be using anymore, donate them! They must be in good condition and notes or scribbles should preferably be erased.

Collection dates : 1 to 30 December 2020
 Collection point : Community Service Centre
 14 Egmont Road, Singapore 700100
 Opening hours : 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. daily

In "The 3Rs - reduce, reuse and recycle - play a crucial role in protecting the environment," dashes are used to _____.

- A) present additional information
- B) show that the information is factual
- C) emphasise why the 3Rs are important
- D) indicate that the information is the main idea

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Why is "Killing Two Birds with One Stone" an appropriate sub-heading for that section?

- A) Food Network picks up donation and distributes them
- B) Food Network reduces food wastage and helps the needy
- C) Food Network saves businesses and charitable organisations
- D) Food Network prevents excess food production and donations

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According to the article, there is a pressing need to minimise food wastage because ____.

- A) food is the largest source of waste in Singapore
- B) Annual food wastage in Singapore weighs about 54 000kg
- C) people living in Singapore have started avoiding food wastage
- D) almost a quarter of the total waste dumped in Singapore is food

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Where is the inspection of food items carried out?

- A) distribution points
- B) business premises
- C) Food Network Base
- D) charitable organisations

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According to the section "How to Minimise Waste at Home", what does "such waste" refer to?

- A) recyclable waste
- B) avoidable food waste
- C) total waste in Singapore
- D) total waste of each household in Singapore

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Which of the following is not a step toward minimising waste at school?

- A) using refillable writing instruments
- B) handing out notices to individual students
- C) putting up information sheets on noticeboards
- D) using every available space on a piece of paper

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Joan cleared out her cardboard and found some textbooks she wanted to donate. What should she do before heading to the collection point?

- A) Remove the doodles on some pages
- B) Wrap the textbooks carefully in plastic
- C) Tear out the pages containing written notes
- D) check whether the textbooks can be used the following year

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What is the main purpose of the article?

- A) to describe how the 3Rs should be practised
- B) to explain how to help the needy through the 3Rs
- C) to inform readers that the 3Rs are being practised everywhere
- D) to convince readers that they can do their part to practise the 3Rs

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Match the options below with the most suitable word:

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|---------|---|------------|
| 1. [] | The silkworm moth goes through the same development as other moths. _____ unlike other moths, it has been domesticated. | A. the |
| 2. [] | Raised and cared for _____ people, silkworm moths live on farms. | B. them |
| 3. [] | These farms can be found _____ Japan, China | C. where |
| 4. [] | and other countries _____ silk is produced. | D. each |
| 5. [] | In the first stage, the female moth lays _____ 500 yellow eggs, | E. by |
| 6. [] | _____ no bigger than the head of a pin. | F. that |
| 7. [] | The eggs have a glue-like covering _____ makes them stick to anything they touch. This covering acts as a protective shell. | G. about |
| 8. [] | _____ the eggs are laid, silk farmers store them in refrigerates to simulate winter before they hatch. | H. in |
| 9. [] | When the farmers want the egg to hatch, they move _____ to incubators. | I. however |
| 10. [] | which are machines that warm them to _____ correct temperature for hatching. | J. after |

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in the answer box. (12 marks)

The polar bear in North America is under threat while Borneo and Sumatra, the orang-utan is considered critically endangered. It is a disturbing fact that many difrent kinds of wild animals

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throughout the word are in anger of extinksion.

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The reasons for this is many and varied.

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The three main threats to wild animals' survival are pollution, the disturbing of animals'

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natural envairoment and man's greed and thoughtlessness.

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Firstly, industry has grown enomously, and

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it has become common practice for factories to dispose away factory waste in streams and rivers,

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causing great lost of river life.

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Secondly, an increase of human population has also led to more land development -

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and with it, the distrcktion of habitat for wild animals.

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Fortunately ,the problem is receiving word wide rekonition and

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some action is being took.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word

My father was a supervisor of a sugar cane plantation in Puerto Rico. Like other children from poor families, I too worked at the plantation. My first ___ was to drive the oxen that ploughed the cane fields to prepare the land for planting.

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For a dollar a day, I ___ eight hours straight, with no food breaks.

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I would walk behind an ox, ___ him with a stick to make him move forward.

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It was tedious work, nut it prepared me for life and ___ me many lasting lessons.

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As the plantation owners were ___ watching us,

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I had to be ___ time everyday

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and work as ___ as I could.

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The habit of being punctual became ingrained in me. I have never been ___ for any job since.

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I also learn about ___ respectful and loyal to people I work for.

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___ importantly, I earned my pay; it never occurred to me to say I was sick because I did not want to work.

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I was ___ six year s old, but I was doing a man's job.

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Our family needed ____ dollar we could make

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because my father never ___ more than \$18 a week.

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Our ___ was a wood shack with a dirt floor and no toilet.

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Nothing has made me prouder than bring home ___ to help my parents, two brothers and three sisters.

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Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided.

Both Raj and Simon have gone to the carnival.

_____ together with _____

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The team was loyal to their coach. It inspired the spectators.

_____ the team's _____

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

"Will you help water my plants when I am overseas next week?" Mr Lim asked Siti.

Mr Lim asked Siti if _____

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A police officer appeared suddenly on the crowded street. The pickpocket was nervous .

_____ nervous about the _____

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Primary 6 English (Prelim)

0 pts

The tailor-bird weaved a nest. Mei Ling was intrigued by the nest

Mei Ling found the nest _____

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0 pts

My mother suggested the sweetest name: Mercy. We soon learnt it was just what the new Boxer pup my parents had adopted would need. My parents' rambunctious dog would bolt out of bed and go-go-go all day long. Whenever they went out and left her alone for a while, they would not be surprised to come back and see the house in a mess. This led my parents to expect chaos when they brought home a Christmas tree. To their astonishment, Mercy paid no attention to the tree that suddenly appeared in the living room. Nor did she react to the fancy presents under it, including a wrapped box of dog treats, *Milk Bones*, which were just for her. 5

Yet, my mother and father were wary. They never had a dog that did not force them to move everything to higher ground as if they were expecting a flood; but Mercy seemed oblivious to the tree and presents. 10

On Christmas day, my mother awoke early, as usual. She passed the dimly-lit living room and then stopped suddenly. Glancing back into the room, she confirmed what she thought she had first seen. Every present under the tree was gone. Only the tree was still there. Had they been robbed? Why hadn't Mercy barked? Where was she? Had the burglars taken her? My mother's thoughts went wild as she noticed a scrap of ribbon on the floor. Then, a bit of torn wrapping paper a few metres away, some glitter beyond that. The clues all made a trail leading toward the back door. 15

My mother flipped the switch, bathing the backyard in light. The perpetrator's head lifted and froze. Alarm and guilt made her eyes wide. Oh, yes, it was Mercy. She lay under her favourite tree in the backyard in a fluffy nest of shredded wrapping paper, chewed-up boxes, and curling bits of ribbon. Presents, pawed from their packages, were strewn about among tattered bows. Beautifully-wrapped boxes had gaping holes and there were fragments of wrapping tissue mixed with the last remaining evidence of gifts. 20

Clearly, Mercy's self-control had failed. She had silently pillaged one package after another out the doggy door leading to the backyard. Anything edible was gone, including cookies, chocolates, candy canes, and two kilogrammes of the *Milk Bones*. 25

Trying to suppress a laugh, my father said, "Nature has really taken pity on Mercy. With everything eaten up, she is fortunate to have **survived her midnight snack**." My parents were so grateful they did not need to take a trip to the veterinarian that they laughed off the ruined presents. To them, **this** was not a problem. The real problem was with all the gift tags attached to each gift destroyed, how could my parents know who had sent them each of the gifts and send out thank-you cards to them? Mercy had presented the problem, yet Mercy was soon able to provide the answer. A few days after the incident, my mother returned to her rocking chair to find Mercy guiltily licking a plate where a doughnut had just been. She snapped a picture of the shamefaced pooch and used it to make thank-you cards to the family and friends who usually gave them Christmas gifts every year. The caption read, "Thank you for the ??". Inside each card, the whole story was explained. We all had to laugh. Everyone shared the sweet reminder that amid all the gift-giving, it was really a season for 'mercy'. 30 35

Why did the writer's parents expect to find the house in a mess whenever they came back home?

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Based on lines to 5 - 18 fill in the boxes below. [4m]

	what the writer's parents thought would happen	what actually happened
When the writer's parents brought home the tree	a)	b)
	what the writer's mother thought had happened	what actually happened
When the presents went missing	c)	d)

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How did the writer's mother feel when she saw the present missing under the tree? How do you know?

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Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from paragraph two tells us that the parents did not trust Mercy to stay away from the tree?	
b) Which two word phrase paragraph four tell us that the presents were found scattered around in the backyard?	

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It was the first time the writer's parents owned a dog

- A) True
- B) False

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Mercy was only interested in the presents but not the tree

- A) True
- B) False

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Match the options below to indicate the sequence of the events :

- | | | |
|--------|--|------|
| 1. [] | The writer's mother followed the trail of evidence | A. 3 |
| 2. [] | The writer's mother sensed something was wrong | B. 1 |
| 3. [] | The writer's mother found the presents destroyed | C. 2 |

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Why was Mercy considered to be fortunate to have "Survived the midnight snack" (line 29)?

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Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
this (line 31)	
it (line 36)	

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Why did the caption in the thank you cards have "??"(line 38) in it ?

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Based on the story, how was the name "Mercy" appropriate for the dog?
