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River Dogs



Down by the river lived a gang of dogs known as the River Dogs. strange-looking bunch. Scruffy was the clever leader, Tank was enormous but easily confused, and Pip was small enough to squeeze through almost any gap.

The River Dogs were famous for causing trouble. They tipped over rubbish bins, stole sandwiches from picnics, and sometimes chased the town baker's bicycle.

One morning, Scruffy noticed a delivery of fresh sausages arriving at the local butcher shop. Within minutes, the gang had a plan. Pip would sneak through the back window, Tank would wait outside, and Scruffy would keep watch.

At first, everything went perfectly. Pip slipped inside and returned carrying a long string of sausages. Unfortunately, Tank became so excited that he grabbed the other end and ran.

The sausages wrapped around Scruffy's legs, sending him crashing into a stack of rubbish bins. The noise brought the butcher running outside. Pip tried to escape but slipped on a piece of sausage and landed beside his friends in the gutter.

Minutes later, the town dog catcher arrived.

The River Dogs sat miserably in the gutter with three shiny cuffs clipped to their collars. Their great sausage robbery was over before they had eaten a single bite.



1. Where did the River Dogs live? _____

2. What did the River Dogs plan to steal? _____

3. Why was Pip chosen to enter the butcher shop? _____

4. What can you infer about Tank from his actions during the robbery? _____

5. What clues show that the River Dogs' plan did not go as expected? _____



Answers

1. Down by the river.
2. Fresh sausages from the local butcher shop.
3. Pip was small enough to squeeze through the back window.
4. Tank was easily excited and did not always think before acting.
5. Tank ran with the sausages, Scruffy crashed into the rubbish bins, Pip slipped, and the dog catcher caught them.