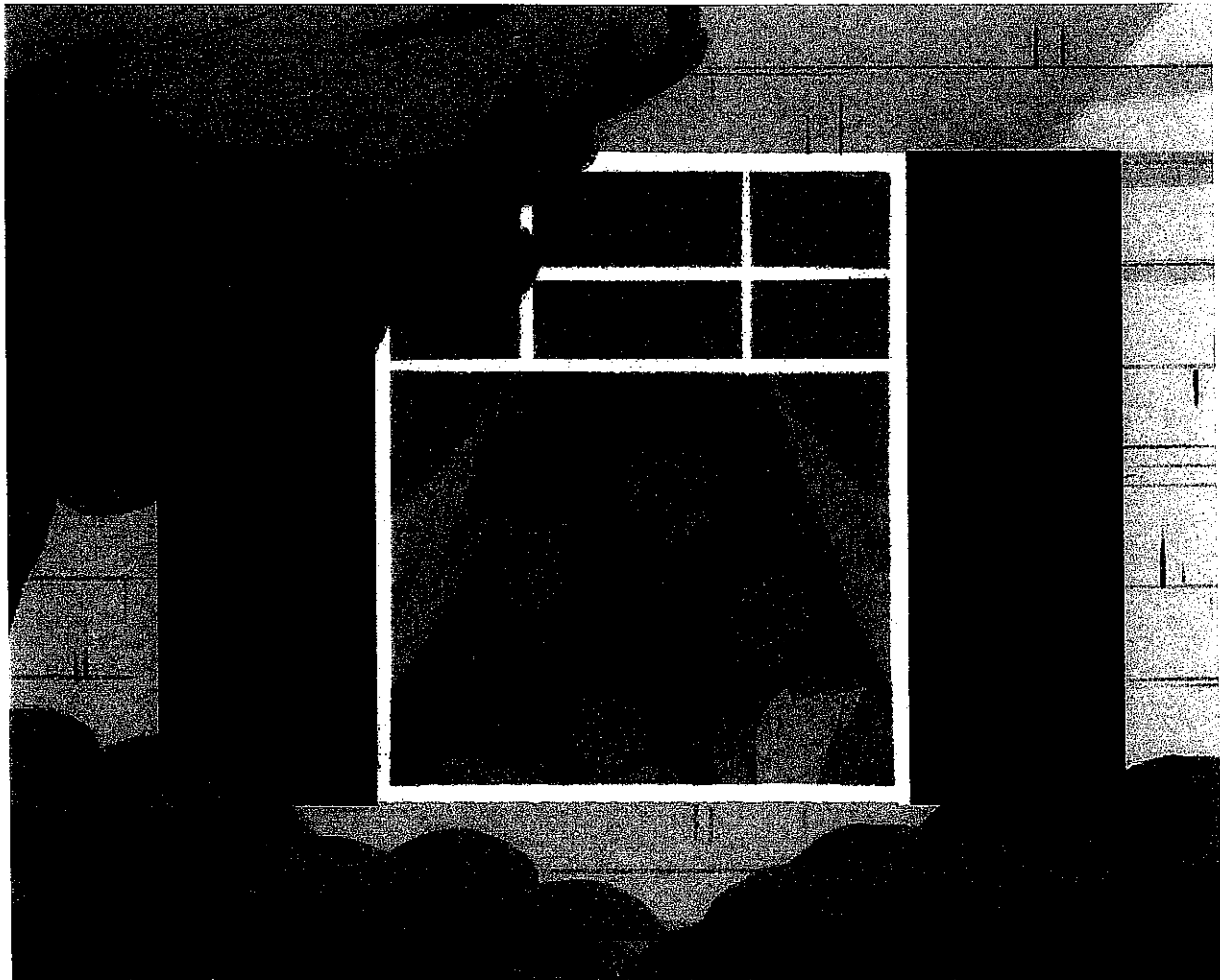




The Picklebottoms have a problem.  
Something is wrong with their dog, Elvis.  
They are watching him from the window.  
What is Elvis doing?



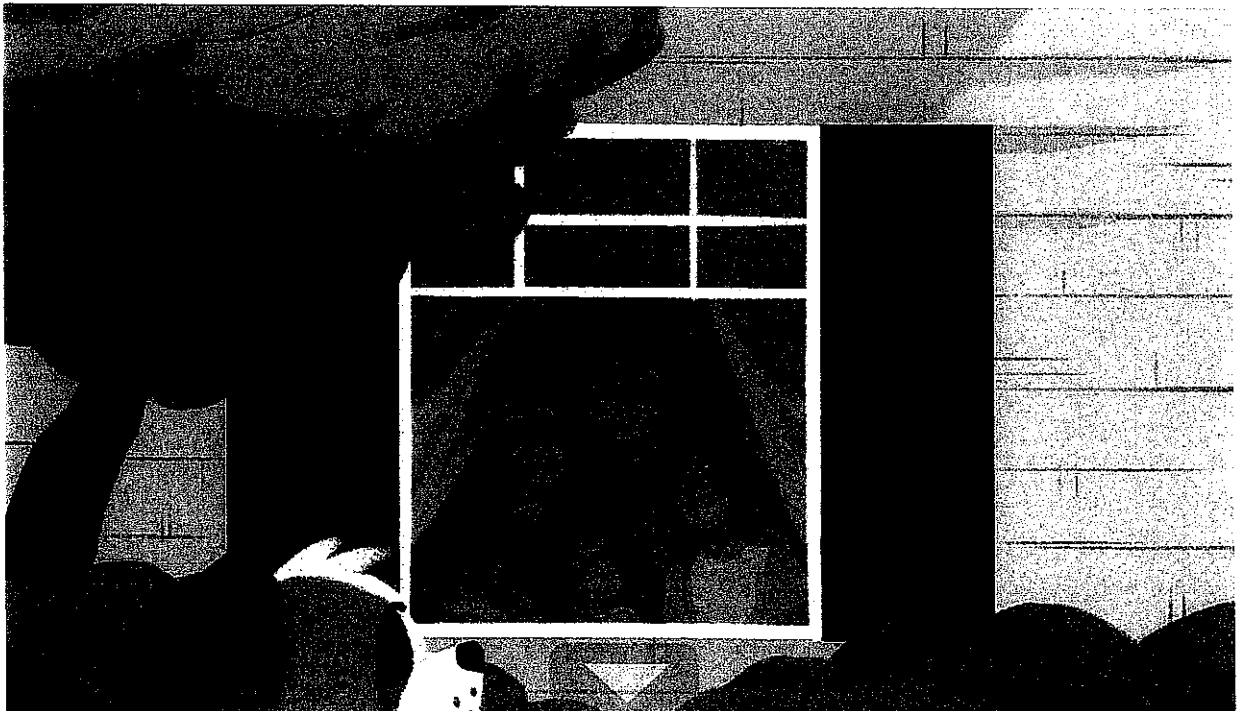


“Is he sick?” Penny Picklebottom asks.

“He has been sleeping standing up. Why would he do that?”

“And why would he gallop around the yard?” Mr. Picklebottom asks.

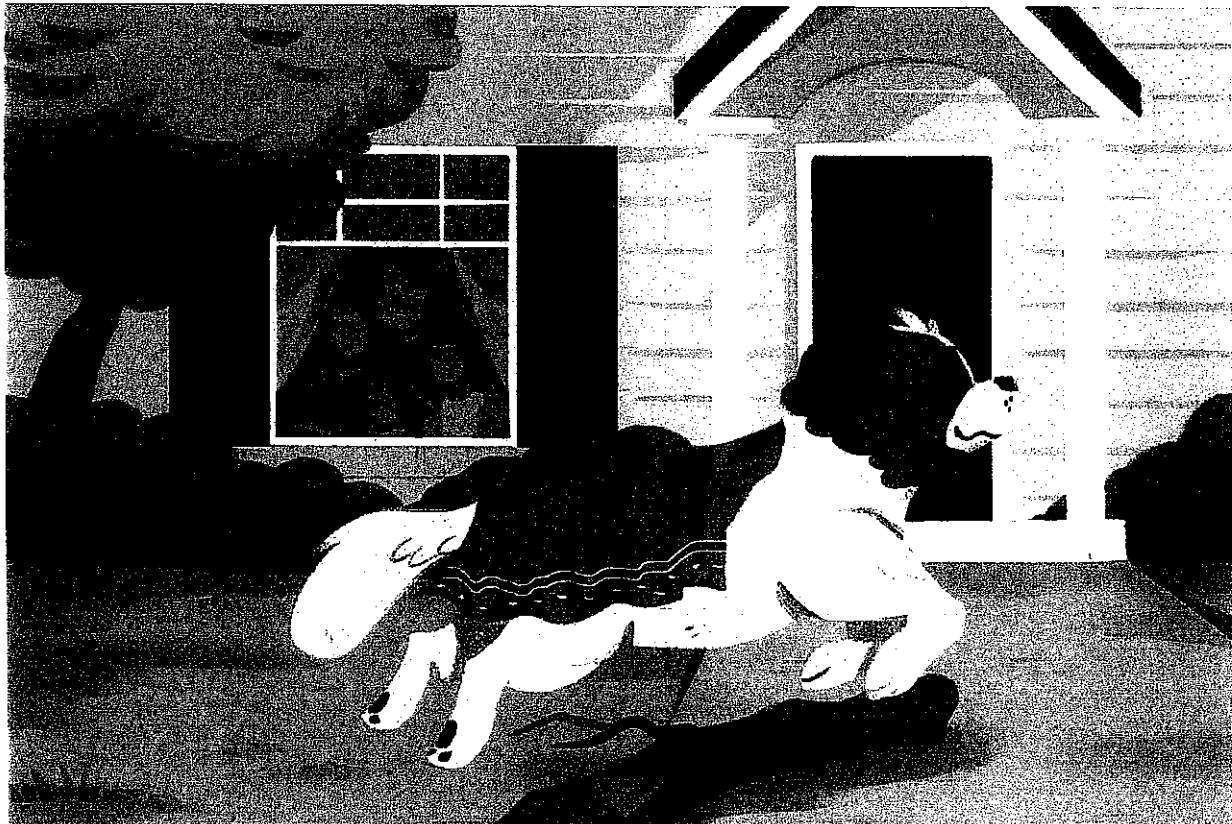
“And why steal my best blanket? Is he cold?” Mrs. Picklebottom adds.





Now everyone is quiet. They watch the dog. Elvis prances through the yard. He has thrown a blanket over his back.

Elvis shakes his head every few steps. His hair blows in the wind. Then he jumps over a low tree branch.





“What does that dog think he is doing?” Mrs. Picklebottom wonders. “Last week, he tried to sit in my lap like a cat. But now what? Dogs don’t prance. They don’t wear blankets.”

Mrs. Picklebottom is right. Elvis is acting strange. He is not acting like a dog at all!





Elvis runs inside. He dashes under Penny's legs. Then he stands up. Penny is sitting on Elvis's back!

Penny's eyes open wide. "He's a horse!" Then she yells, "Giddy-up, Elvis! Let's ride!" And into the garden they go.



**Question 1** (for p. 1 of passage)

What is the Picklbottom's problem?

- a. Something is wrong with their dog.
- b. Something is wrong with their window.
- c. Something is wrong with their tree.

**Question 2** (for p. 2 of passage)

What is this page mostly about?

- a. Elvis is feeling sick.
- b. Elvis is stealing things.
- c. Elvis is acting strange.

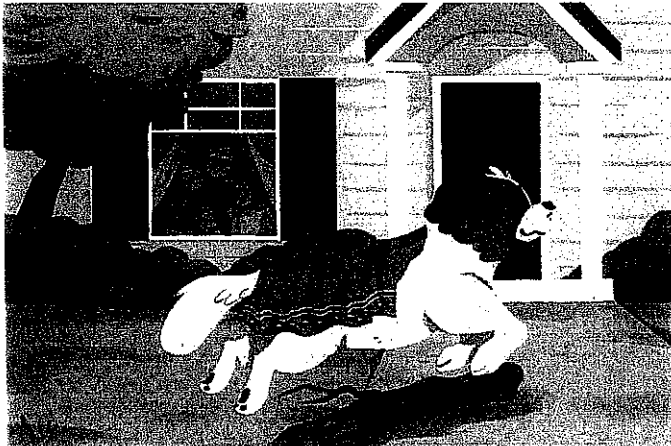
**Question 3** (for p. 2 of passage)

How do the Picklebottoms feel about Elvis?

- a. sad
- b. worried
- c. angry

**Question 4** (for p. 3 of passage)

Where is Elvis? Use the text and the picture to answer the question.

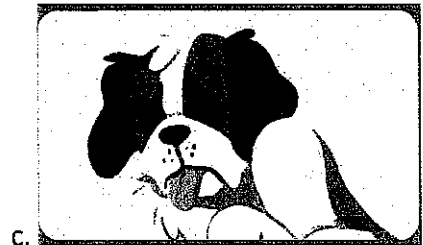
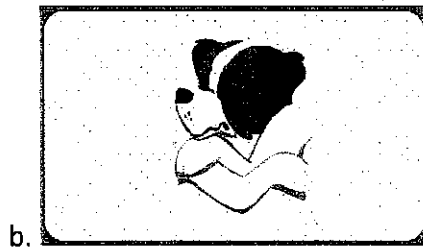


- a. in a forest
- b. in a yard

c. in a park

**Question 5** (for p. 3 of passage)

How is Elvis acting in this part of the story?



**Question 6** (for p. 4 of passage)

What did Elvis do last week?

- a. He sat on a lap.
- b. He wore a blanket.
- c. He pranced around.

**Question 7** (for p. 5 of passage)

Which animal is Elvis acting like now? Complete the sentence.

Elvis is acting like a \_\_\_\_\_.


- a. bird
- b. horse



c. dog

**Question 8** (for p. 5 of passage)

Look at what happens first and next in the story. Choose the event that happens last.

 <b>First</b>	 <b>Next</b>	 <b>Last</b>
		

