



A Puppy for Oscar

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- 1 Oscar wanted a puppy more than anything in the world. But his mom kept saying they could not have a dog in their apartment.
- 2 “We do not have a yard,” she said. “And a dog needs space to run.”
- 3 Oscar had an idea. There was a city park very close to their apartment. The park was really big. Maybe part of it could be turned into a park for dogs. Then Oscar’s puppy would have a place to run!
- 4 Now Oscar needed to turn his idea into a plan. Oscar worked very hard. He wrote letters to newspapers. He wrote to the mayor about his idea for a dog park. He talked to people about his idea. Then he got many of them to sign their names to a letter saying they wanted a dog park, too.
- 5 It took over a year, but Oscar finally got his dog park. And then he got what he really wanted—a new puppy!

Close Reader Habits

Circle a sentence that tells what Oscar’s challenge is.

Underline a sentence that tells how he responds to the challenge.

Explore

What is the challenge in this story, and how does Oscar respond to it?



Rereading the story will help you figure out how Oscar responds to his challenge.

Think

- 1 Complete the chart to help you understand Oscar's challenge and how he responds to the challenge.

| Oscar's Challenge | How Oscar Responds to the Challenge |
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Talk

- 2 What is the main thing Oscar does to respond to his challenge? Describe an event from the story to explain your answer.

Write

- 3 **Short Response** What do Oscar's actions tell you about him? Use an event from the story to explain your answer. Write your answer in the space on page 140.

HINT What does Oscar do? Make a list of the things he does in the story.