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## Max Gets Out



Max was a small white and brown Jack Russell terrier dog. He lived with his family: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and their two sons, Steven and Rich. They took good care of Max. They took him for long walks and played with him every day. Max loved his family very much.

Max also loved rabbits and squirrels and cats. He wanted to chase them, but he was always on a leash. One night, Max found the front door open. He stepped outside. He thought he smelled a rabbit across the street. He went across the street to see. Then he smelled a cat, and then another dog. It was exciting to go wherever he wanted.

He ran this way and that way, farther and farther from his home. He ran for hours. Soon Max was tired, hungry, and cold. It was dark. Max did not know which way was home. He turned in circles, trying to decide which way to go. He finally lay down under a tree and started to close his eyes.

Suddenly Max thought he heard familiar voices. He listened carefully. "Max! Max! Come here, Max!" It was the Andersons, and they were calling him. Max ran and ran toward their voices. Soon he saw the Andersons, and he ran to their arms, with his tail and tongue wagging. They took Max home. They gave him a warm bath and some food.

Max was glad to be home. He went to sleep in his warm bed, dreaming of his family and his next adventure.

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**Answer the questions about the story *Max Gets Out***

**Circle the letter of the correct answer to each question.**

1. Max was a

- a. white and black beagle
- b. brown and white Jack Russell terrier
- c. white and brown mutt

2. Max ran off because

- a. he didn't like his family
- b. he saw another dog
- c. he smelled a rabbit

3. Max was sad because he was

- a. cold and hungry
- b. lost
- c. both a and b

4. How did Max find his way home?

- a. he heard his family calling him
- b. he smelled his own trail
- c. he saw his street

5. Do you think Max will run off again? Why or why not?

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**Answers to *Max Gets Out***

1. b
2. c
3. c
4. a
5. answers will vary