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***A Dog’s Life* by Ann M. Martin**

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**Worksheet A**

Please highlight or make note of any interesting or confusing passages you notice in your reading. If there is anything you would like to make note of for discussion there is space provided at the bottom. The following questions will be used as a guideline for discussion in our next meeting.

### Squirrel explains that the only emotion she is familiar with is fear, and that she does not understand emotions such as joy, sadness, or anger. Do you think that dogs can feel these different types of emotions? If so which ones? If possible, provide examples of situations where you’ve seen a dog display these emotions before.

2.Squirrel had to decide whether to follow Bone or stay at the Merrions' shed. Did she make the right decision for herself? Why didn’t she stay by herself? What does that show about her relationship with her brother?

3. Suppose Squirrel did not follow Bone and decided to stay in the shed instead. What do you think her life would have been like? Create an alternate story line about what might have happened to squirrel or how her life would have been different if she stayed.

4.Marcy and George saw the two puppies on the side of the road and pulled over to try and help them. Do you think you would have done the same thing? How likely is it that you would pull over to save a dog on a busy highway? Would you just assume that someone else would do it and drive right by them?

### 4. Matthias, the youngest son of the Merrions family, became attached to the two puppies. Squirrel said that she believes Matthias will never forget about them. Do you believe this is true? If you’ve had pets when you were a child, do you remember your first one? If so, what kind of animal was it and what was its name?

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