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I've always known that dogs are clever, but even I was surprised when I heard about a dog called Red, at the Battersea Dog's Home in London.

The home has been caring for lost and unwanted animals for over 140 years. Recently, the workers there got amazed when they came to work in the morning. They found that some of the dogs had got out of their kennels(狗窝) during the night, opened cupboards and taken out of food and toys. And it happened again, and again. The manager described how as many as nine dogs were escaping every night. "When we came in, dogs were running around having fun and games and causing a lot of mess. We couldn't understand it."

Someone or something was unlocking the kennels during the night. The manager decided that the only way to know the truth was to put in cameras to record how the dogs were getting out.

When she and her workers played back the recording, they saw Red, a three-year-old dog, put his nose through the bars of his kennel and use his teeth to press the button that opened the door. That was clever enough, but Red did more: he unlocked the kennels next to his and let the dogs out too. The group broke into cupboards and stole dog biscuits and toys to play with.

The manager said, "It's surprising that Red worked out how to open his own kennel, but also that he then let all his friends out." I suppose, Red didn't like to party alone.

The story has a happy ending: after Red was shown on TV, several people came and offered to give him a new home as a family pet.

1. What is the writer's purpose in writing the text?

- A. To ask people to look after unwanted dogs.
- B. To describe dogs escaping from the Dog's Home.
- C. To give an example of how clever a dog can be.
- D. To introduce the work done by the Battersea Dog's Home.

2. What did Red do after he got out of his kennel at night?

- A. He slept in a cupboard.
- B. He let the other dogs out.
- C. He took biscuits and toys back to the other dogs.
- D. He showed the other dogs how to unlock their doors.

3. What can we learn from the text?

- A. Red didn't like being at the Dog's Home.
- B. Red and his friends had a good time when they escaped.
- C. Red and his friends enjoyed being recorded by the cameras.
- D. Red and the other dogs escaped because they were hungry.

2.

February 14th is Valentine's Day! In China, it is only a day for young boyfriends and girlfriends. But my teacher and friends in America told me that Valentine's Day is a public day.

This was my first Valentine's Day in America. I didn't understand the customs(风俗) clearly. Maybe I didn't need to send any gifts. I watched others to see what they did, so next time I can understand.

On that day, when we began the reading class, Mr. Peters gave every student some chocolates and said, "Happy Valentine's Day!" I was very happy the teacher gave his students gifts and blessings. I never saw that in China. Maybe American teachers are very different. I didn't buy a gift for the teacher, so I owed(欠) a gift to the teacher. Anyway, I want to say, "Thank you, Mr. Peters, and I'm sorry."

When we had a break, one of my classmates gave me a Pokemon card. It was very funny and I felt thankful, but I thought I owed a gift again.

When we were coming to our grammar class, suddenly I heard someone calling me. "Shelly!" I stopped. Another classmate who had only been in our class one day gave me some chocolates. She said, "These are for you and your friends. Have a good day!" I was looking at her leaving and thinking that we were in the same class only one day, but now we are friends. That's very great, but I owed a gift again.

When I came home, my Chinese friend sent some roses and chocolates. I was surprised and happy because I had never received roses in my past life, but I hoped it was the last gift. I didn't want to owe more gifts.

4. Before the writer left China, she thought Valentine's Day _____.

- A. was a day for the young
- B. was different in America
- C. was a festival for all the people