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When I was six, Dad brought home a dog one day, who was called "Brownie". My brothers and I all loved Brownie and did different things with her. One of us would walk her, another would feed her, then there were baths, playing catch and many other games~ Brownie, in return, loved each and every one of us. One thing that most touched my heart was that she would go to whoever was sick and just be with them. We always felt better when she was around.

One day, as I was getting her food, she chewed up(咬破) one of Dad's shoes, which had to be thrown away in the end. I knew Dad would be mad and I had to let her know what she did was wrong. When I looked at her and said, "Bad girl," she looked down at the ground and then went and hid. I saw a tear in her eyes.

Brownie turned out to be more than just our family pet. She went everywhere with us. People would stop and ask if they could pet her. Of course she'd let anyone pet her. She was just the most lovable dog. There were many times when we'd be out walking and a small child would come over and pull on her hair. She never barked (吠) or tried to get away. Funny thing is that she would smile. This frightened people because they thought she was showing her teeth. Far from the truth, she loved everyone.

Now many years have passed since Brownie died of old age. I still miss the days when she was with us.

21. What would Brownie do when someone was ill in the family?

- A. Look at them sadly.
- B. Keep them company.
- C. Play games with them.
- D. Touch them gently.

22. We can infer from Paragraph 2 that Brownie\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. would eat anything when hungry
- B. felt sorry for her mistake
- C. loved playing hide-and-seek
- D. disliked the author's Dad

23. Why does the author say that Brownie was more than just a family pet?

- A. She was treated as a member of the family.
- B. She played games with anyone she liked.
- C. She was loved by everybody she met.
- D. She went everywhere with the family.

24. Some people got frightened by Brownie when she\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. smiled
- B. barked
- C. rushed to them
- D. tried to be funny

2.

What to do if you don't feel popular?

- Try to take part in activities. Call your friends. Plan to do something. The worst feeling is staying home alone, because it makes you feel even more lonely.
- Try to make new friends. Choose friends carefully, not just because you think they're popular. And remember, making good friends takes time. Choosing a popular person to be friends with is okay, if they are nice.
- Be yourself (保持独立). If you want to become friends with someone who's popular, don't make yourself into someone you are not just to impress that person.
- Be nice. Be friendly. Be outgoing (开朗的). But don't overdo it! Talk to trusted friends if you are feeling really bad. Or you might want to write it down in a journal (期刊) or diary.
- Do something special for yourself. You could take pictures of your friends, or collect their school pictures, and take a collage (拼贴画) to hang on your wall. This will remind (提醒) you, when you are feeling unpopular, that you really do have friends.
- Think up your own ideas. These suggestions might not work for everyone.

What to do if you have a problem with your teacher?

- Talk to your parents, or another adult who will listen to you and perhaps can help. Talk to your friends. Maybe they have had problems with the same teacher, too.
- Don't give the teacher a reason to have problems with you. Do your work, complete your task, attend the class seriously and take notes. Maybe you just need to give the teacher a chance (机会).
- Try to find out what the problem is.
- Talk to the teacher if you feel comfortable doing this. Don't be nasty (闹别扭的), but express your concerns (关心). Listen to the teacher, as well.