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There was a story many years ago of a school teacher--- Mrs. Thompson. She told the children on the first day that she loved them all the same. But that was a lie. There in the front row was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard. He didn't play well with the other children and he always needed a bath. She did not like him.

Then Mrs. Thompson got to know that Teddy was actually a very good boy before the death of his mother. Mrs. Thompson was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when, like all her other students, Teddy brought her a Christmas present too. It was his mother's perfume(香水).

Teddy said, "Mrs. Thompson, today you smell just like my Mom used to." After the children left she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she stopped teaching reading, writing and math. Instead, she began to teach children.

Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. The boy's mind seemed to come alive. The more she encourage him, the faster he improved. By the end of the sixth grade, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class.

Six years went by before she got a note from Teddy. He wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life. He went to college. Mrs. Thompson got two more letters from him with the last one signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, M. D.(医学博士).

The story doesn't end there. On his wedding day, Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, "Thank you, Mrs. Thompson, for believing in me. You made me feel important and showed me that I could make a difference."

Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back, "Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you."

1. What did Mrs. Thompson do on the first day of school?

- A. She made Teddy feel ashamed
- B. She asked the children to play with Teddy.
- C. She changed Teddy's seat to the front row.
- D. She told the class something untrue about herself.

2. What did Mrs. Thompson find out about Teddy?

- A. He often told lies.
- B. He was good at math.
- C. He needed motherly care.
- D. He enjoyed playing with others.

3. In what way did Mrs. Thompson change?

- A. She taught fewer school subjects.
- B. She became stricter with her students.
- C. She no longer liked her job as a teacher.
- D. She cared more about educating students.

4. Why did Teddy thank Mrs. Thompson at his wedding?

- A. She had kept in touch with him.
- B. She had given him encouragement.
- C. She had sent him Christmas presents.
- D. She had taught him how to judge people.

2.

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