

CHAPTER 4: *LEADS*

Summary of story so far

Roscoe, the family dog returns after several days missing, carrying a denture in his mouth. Mom and Dad want to find the owner, knowing the denture is vital and expensive. They divide up and visit the neighbors. Belle angers the Swensons when she asks if they're missing their teeth. None of them find the owner. Mom suggests putting an ad in the newspaper.

Preview

Discuss what you know about teeth problems and dentures.

Vocabulary

1. identification (*some method to connect the denture to the owner*)
2. frantically (*with great energy out of fear*)
3. a partial (*denture in which there are spaces for the real teeth that still remain*)
4. defensively (*defending that she still has some of her teeth*)

Questions

1. Why does Dad decide to put an ad in the local paper? (*elderly people are more likely to read the paper as a mean of finding their missing denture.*)
2. What other idea to find the owner does he get while talking to Mr. Cardova? (*contact all the dentists to check with their patients about missing a denture*)
3. How does Belle learn that Grandma wears dentures? (*she mentions her dentures in response to their story of Roscoe's treasure*)
4. How does Grandma keep her denture in place? (*she attaches them to her teeth and snaps them in place and uses a glue-type material*)

Follow-up

Look through the classified section of your local newspaper and think about the following:

1. What important information needs to be included in an ad?
2. Under what category would a person list a denture ?

Write a short ad for Belle and her family about the false teeth that they would like to return to the owner. Share your results.