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A NEW NEIGHBOR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Rocky is the new pet of my neighbors. He is a beautiful English Labrador breed, white color, and about 12 weeks old. He is a happy, playful, and very pampered puppy who is slowly learning how to live with his new parents. Carlos and Gloria are my neighbors, and they love Rocky very much.



Carlos and Gloria came to Canada 15 years ago with their children, Juan and Maria. Their children are now adults, and they went to study at the university. So, they decided to buy a smaller house in the city of Calgary. They've been living in my neighborhood for about a year, and they are great neighbors.

Even with their busy professional occupations, it has not been easy for them to adjust to their new life without their children. Sometimes, they missed their children and feel very lonely. Finally, they decided it was time to adopt a dog. That's when the puppy, Rocky, appeared on the scene to touch all of our lives.

In the morning, I always I check around the car before getting in to go to work. I turn the key to start the car, look in the mirrors and put it in reverse. I have acquired this custom over the years, and I feel it is an excellent safety measure to avoid accidents.

As I was looking around the car, I heard a thunderous noise. What a surprise! Guess who came running towards me in the driveway and sat under the car. Sure enough, Rocky, my furry, new neighbor was there wagging his tail at high speed. I could see how his eyes sparkled, and his long pink tongue hung sideways while breathing rapidly.



Gloria came running instantly; between the two of us, we got him to come out of his hiding place. It was not an easy task because he was sitting there, happily wagging his tail, and quite determined to stay.



We had to offer him a biscuit to get him out. That's when he decided to come out. He ran towards me awkwardly to receive his award. What a great gift for Rocky! That biscuit was delicious; while he was savoring it, I took the opportunity to grab him. I could feel the softness of his hair and how much he weighed. I also verified that not only was his tail fast but also his pink tongue. In just 5 seconds, he washed my entire face. I knew at that moment that I would end up worshipping him.

Rocky was no longer white. He was covered in black stains from all the grease and grime he picked up as he got under the car. I handed him to Gloria, who apologized for the incident that caused a delay in my daily work schedule.



For my part, I started the day happy to have met my loving neighbor Rocky. Also, I was able to verify once again my theory about the importance of going around your car to check before getting in and backing up. It only takes 10 seconds of your time and can prevent an accident.



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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



1. Who is the new neighbor, and what is his name?

2. How long have Carlos and Gloria lived in Canada?

3. What made Carlos and Gloria decide to adopt a dog?

4. What is the safety measure that the writer applies to avoid accidents?

5. How was this measure useful, and what could have happened if it had not been practiced?

6. Describe Rocky. What can you say about his temperament?

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7. Why did Gloria apologize?

8. In the context of reading, what does the word verify mean?

9. Why was it hard for Carlos and Gloria to adapt to their new life without their children?

10. Write a new sentence using the word verify.

11. Can you think of any other road safety measure that does not come in the text? Write it down:
