**The Most Obedient Dog in the World**

The most obedient dog in the world was waiting for something to happen when Harry came up the path. “Hello, boy,” said Harry. The most obedient dog in the world wagged his tail and started to follow.

“No, sit!” said Harry. “I will be back.” And then he was gone.

“Why are you sitting there?” asked a nosy bird. “Are you going to sit there all day?” The most obedient dog in the world didn’t answer. He just sat and waited for Harry. Big, fat raindrops began to fall. “I’m off,” said the bird. And he flew away.

Everyone ran for cover, except the most obedient dog in the world. Thunder rumbled, lightning flashed and then hailstones fell …quite a lot of hailstones!

When the sun came out again the bird flew back. The most obedient dog in the world was still sitting there waiting for Harry. “What a strange dog,” people said as they passed. Other dogs came to have a look. They sniffed and nuzzled and nudged and nipped, but they soon got bored and went away.

The most obedient dog in the world sat… and sat… and sat… and sat. How long must he wait for Harry?

Just then, a cat came by. “Quick!” said the bird, pulling his tail. “Why don’t you chase it?” The dog’s eyes followed the cat. His nose started to twitch, and his legs started to itch. He couldn’t sit still any longer. He sprang to his feet… and saw Harry!

“Good boy!” said Harry. “You waited! Leave that cat. Let’s go to the beach!” The dog looked at the cat, and he looked at Harry. Then he went to the beach with Harry. After all, he was …the most obedient dog in the world!