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Lazy Time

Sally and Oliver are **swaying** slowly in the family swing.

1. What does the title tell us about the story? _____
2. What image in the first sentence supports or illustrates the title? _____

3. What does **swaying** mean? _____
4. How do you think Sally and Oliver are related? _____

Day 1

The air is crisp. Sally puts her arm around Oliver and snuggles into his shaggy body. Oliver's tongue licks Sally's hand, which lies on her blue-jeaned leg. They watch a sluggish ladybug crawl underneath a pile of old, brown leaves. One red leaf drifts down to the top of the ladybug's leaf pile.

1. What time of year is it? _____
2. What clues helped you answer question 1? _____
3. What or who is Oliver? _____
4. What clues helped you answer question 3? _____

Day 2

Oliver's graying ears prick up as a flock of geese honks good-bye. The sky slowly turns from blue, to pink, to purple, to black.

The first star shines as Sally's mom calls her in to eat. Sally gives a last push as she slides out of the swing. She walks to the back door of the house. Oliver leaps down.

1. What sounds can you hear in this selection? _____
2. Is Oliver a puppy or an older dog? _____
3. What clues helped you answer question 2? _____
4. What meal is Sally about to eat? _____

Day 3

Oliver barks once at a rabbit and then chases after Sally. She smiles and rubs Oliver's head as they walk into the warm house together.

1. How do you think Sally feels? _____
2. List the words in all of the selections that give a picture of laziness. _____

3. Describe a lazy time you have had. _____
4. What would be another title for this selection? _____

Day 4

A Year in My Life

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1. This is a table of contents for the book *A Year in My Life*. What does a table of contents tell you? _____
2. Is this book organized thematically or chronologically (by time)? _____

3. What season is it in chapters 1 and 2? _____
4. How did the author spend summer break? _____
5. What would you write about in chapter 3? _____

