

My Dog is in Heaven

Teaching Notes



SYNOPSIS

*My dog is in Heaven, I'm sad to say.
You might ask, what in Heaven, he does all day?*

A beautiful celebration of all the wonderful things a much-loved dog gets up to in Heaven.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

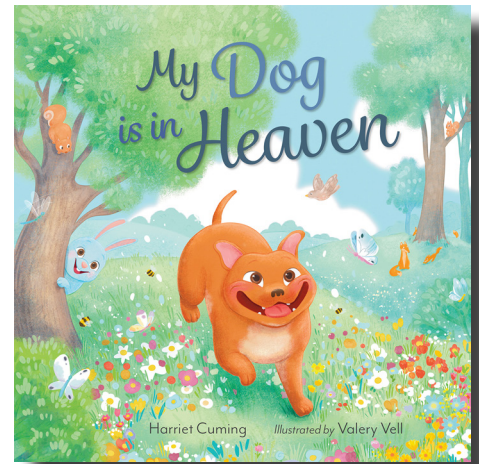
Harriet Cuming is an Australian author who lives on Sydney's Northern Beaches. *My Dog is in Heaven* is her fifth children's book.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Valery Vell (Valeria Beloborodova), born in 1988 in Poland, is a Russian artist residing in Indonesia. As a freelance illustrator with a versatile style, she passionately infuses emotions, love and friendship into her art. Valery believes art is not just a picture but a visual story that communicates emotions, speaking to viewers through pages or screens. Her affection for cats, nature and dancing adds a vibrant touch to her creative journey. Valery can be contacted on Instagram @valery_vell

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

My Dog is in Heaven was created to help families find hope and comfort after their pets have passed away. This book is perfect for all dog owners and the charming story is told through sweet rhymes and illustrated with bold and happy colours.



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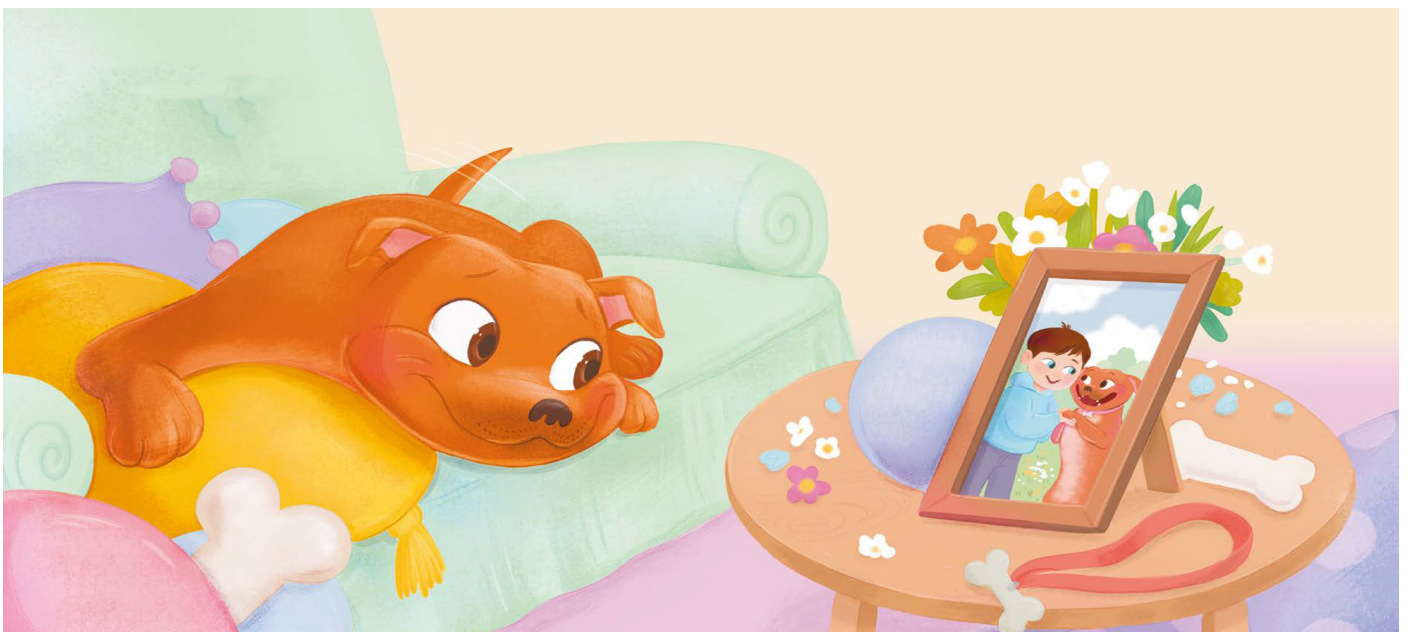
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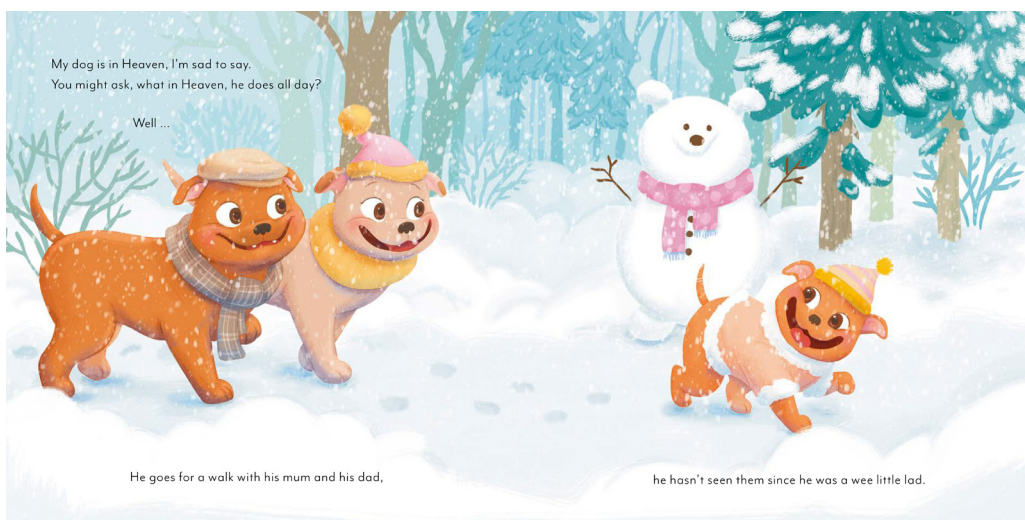
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DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together.
What do you think the story might be about?
2. Have you got a pet or did you use to have a pet?
3. Have you experienced the death of a pet? Although you might have been very upset, did anything make you feel better? For example, imagining happy times with your pet or having a lot of photos of your pet in your room?
4. What does the boy in the story hope his dog is doing in Heaven? Describe all the different things the dog gets up to in Heaven.
5. Do you think thinking about the wonderful things his dog gets up to in Heaven makes the boy feel better?
6. What do you think about the end of the story?
What sort of message is being given?
7. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it?
What was their favourite part?



WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY

Can you find all the words in the *My Dog is in Heaven* wordsearch?

Name:

Class:

Date:

word search

MY DOG IS IN HEAVEN

B S O F A Y U L X
I O T R L A L H M
E E N I T A M G J
P G M E B T H T K
L A O N V B C R E
F N L D H A A E D
N G L S R P E R E
M E I R P S B H K
K L A W A E A H I

ANGEL
BALL
BARK
BEACH
BONE

DOG
FAMILY
FRIENDS
HEAVEN
MATINEE

PARK
PET
RABBIT
SOFA
WALK



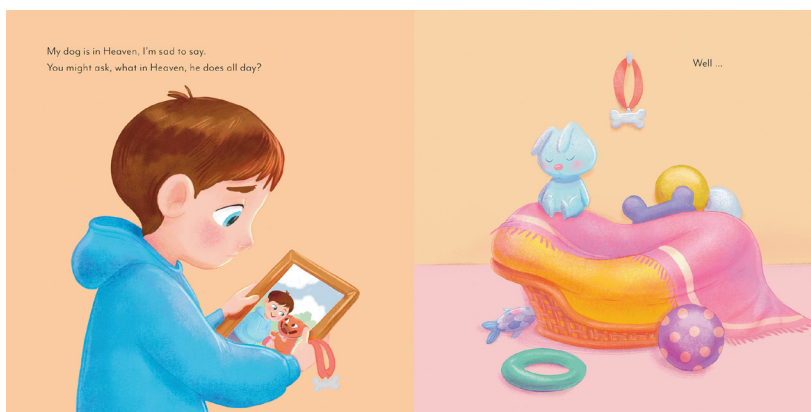
Answer Sheet
word search

MY DOG IS IN HEAVEN

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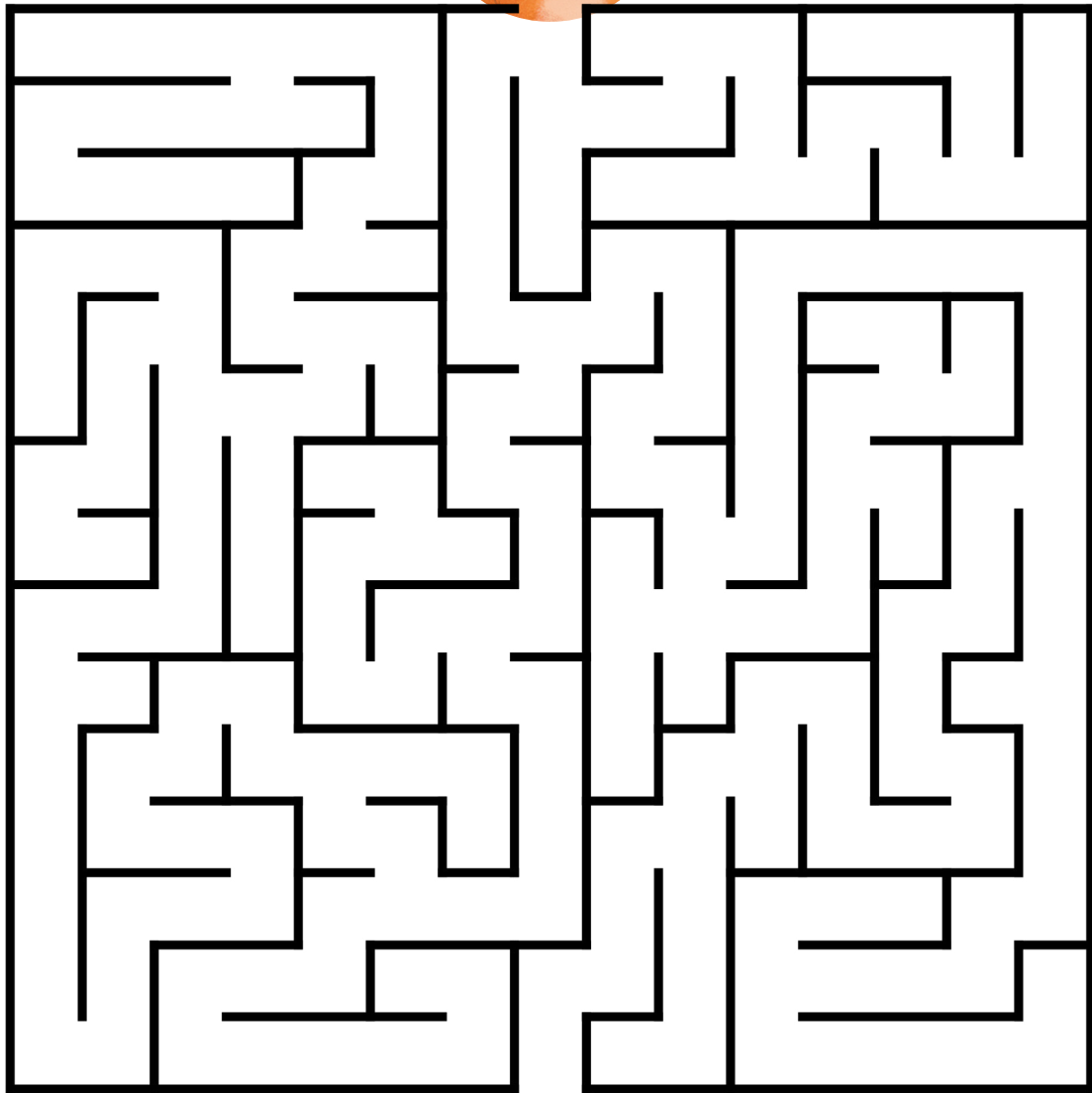
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| ANGEL | DOG | PARK |
| BALL | FAMILY | PET |
| BARK | FRIENDS | RABBIT |
| BEACH | HEAVEN | SOFA |
| BONE | MATINEE | WALK |



A-MAZE-ING DOG

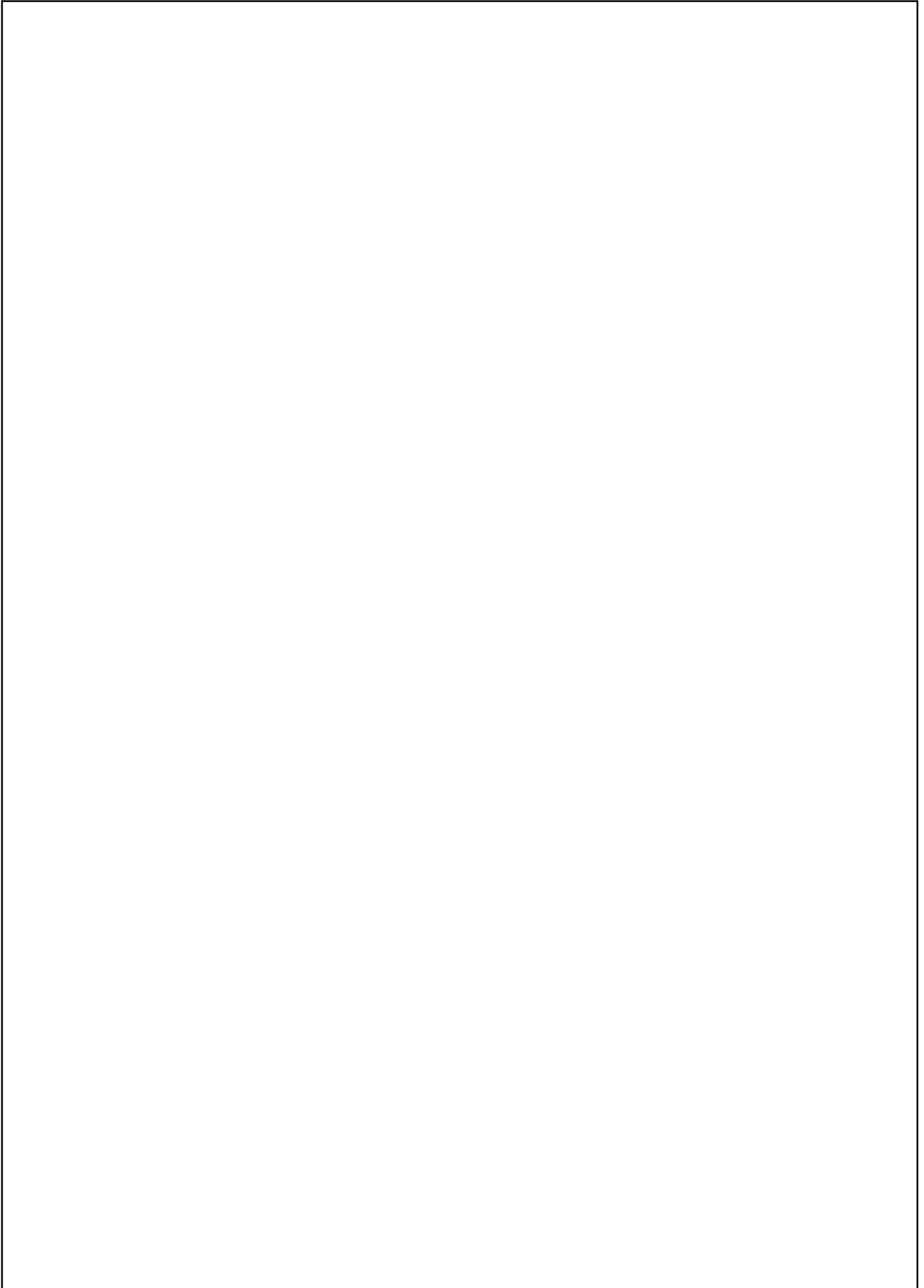
Can you help the dog find his friends?

15 by 15 orthogonal maze



DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw your pet in the space below. If you don't have a pet, then draw a friend's pet. What are they getting up to?



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