



Megan Meets a Mastiff

Megan and her mom are walking in the park near their home. As they round a corner on the trail, Megan spots a very large dog walking on a leash with its owner. The dog has floppy black ears and is about as tall as Megan. Megan wants to pet the dog.

1. What should she do?

- A. run up to the dog screaming excitedly
- B. approach the owner and dog slowly, and politely ask if she may pet the dog
- C. immediately begin patting the dog on the head

Mr. Morrison, the dog's owner, introduces Megan to his dog.

"His name is Mighty, and he is a Mastiff," says Mr. Morrison. "The Mastiff is one of the largest breeds of purebred dogs."

"Gosh," says Megan. "He is very big. May I pet him?"

"Yes," says Mr. Morrison. "Mighty is friendly. But you have to pet him correctly."

2. What should Megan do first?

- A. curl her hand into a fist and slowly offer the back of her hand to the dog
- B. wave her hands in front of Mighty and call his name
- C. jump up and down to get Mighty's attention

"That's good," says Mr. Morrison after Megan gently offered her hand to Mighty. "You followed the proper first step in greeting a dog."

Mighty sniffs Megan's hand. Now she is ready to pet Mighty. Mr. Morrison asks Mighty to sit, and the Mastiff obeys immediately. Mighty waits quietly for Megan to pet him.

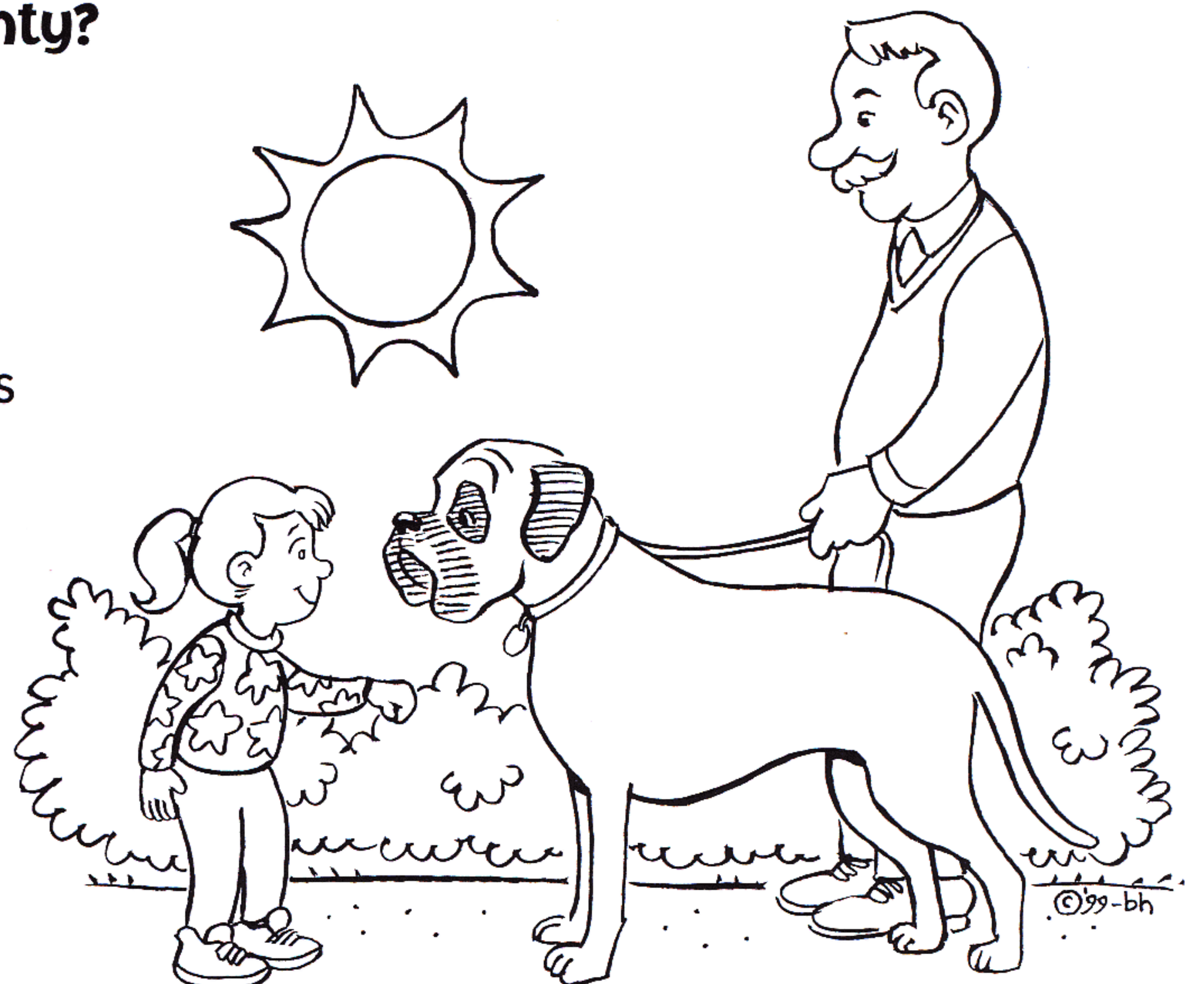
3. Where should Megan pet Mighty?

- A. on the tail
- B. under the chin or on the chest
- C. under his tummy

"Thank you Mr. Morrison," says Megan as she gently rubs Mighty's chin. "He's really sweet."

Mighty wags his tail while Megan pets him. After a few minutes, Mr. Morrison asks Mighty to stand, and the two continue along the trail.

"Gosh, that was fun. I've never petted a dog as big as Mighty before," says Megan. She takes her mother's hand, and they finish their walk.



ANSWERS

1-B, 2-A, 3-B

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