



**PAWS
Reading
Grade 4**

**Released Items
With Data**

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The Pet Sitter



My friend Lily Crumpet was taking a trip.
She would be gone for a week and a day.
"Would you watch my puppy?" she called me to ask.
I said, "Sure!" What else could I say?

5 A puppy, to me, is a small fluffy creature,
With a tiny, wet nose and bright eyes.
I thought I would make a small bed for the pet—
A shoebox should be the right size!

10 With the box in my hand, I knocked on the door,
And her front door opened wide.
That's when I received the surprise of my life—
"Down, Boomer, down!" Lily cried.

15 In the next instant, I was flat on my back,
With a giant brown dog on my chest.
As it licked at my face—and my ears and my hair—
I decided that silence was best.

Trying hard not to laugh, but without much success,
Lily ordered her dog to obey:
"Heel, Boomer, heel! I mean it!" she said.
20 Nevertheless, Boomer continued to play.

The dog—if that is indeed what it was—
Grabbed the box and ran off with its treat.
I took a minute to dry off my face,
And carefully got to my feet.

25 "Look, Lily . . ." I started, but she did not hear,
As she tackled Boomer with ease like a pro.
"I'll put on his leash," she said to me then,
"And he'll almost be ready to go."

30 She gave me a bag with his food and his toys,
Then gave Boomer a big hug goodbye.
"I'm so glad he likes you!" said Lily to me.
"I was worried because he's so shy."

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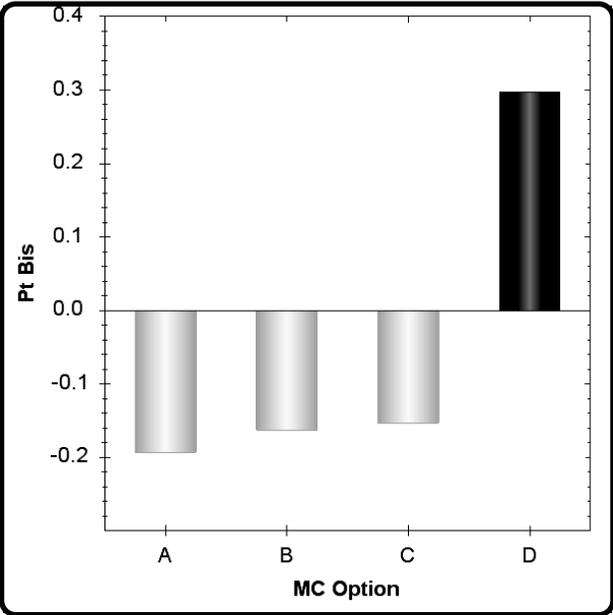
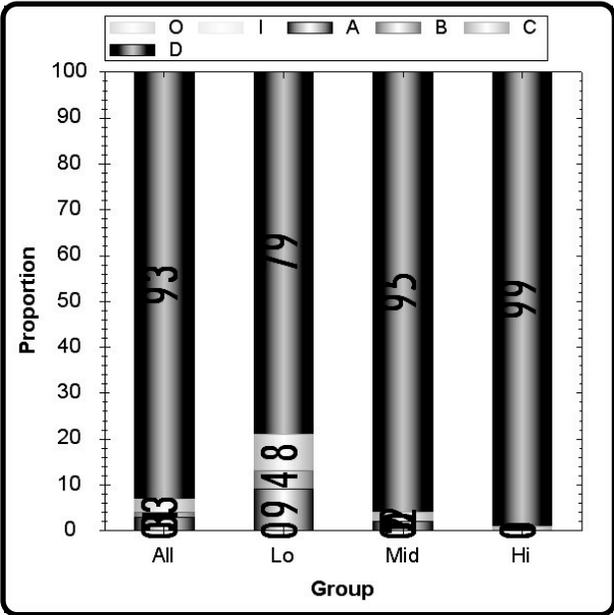
Why does Lily ask the speaker to pet sit for her?

- A.** She hopes her friend can train Boomer.
- B.** She is moving away and cannot take Boomer.
- C.** She wants her friend to get to know Boomer.
- D.** She is taking a trip and cannot take Boomer.

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	D	6493	0.930	0.297

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	3	1	3	93	0	0
Low Scorers	9	4	8	79	0	0
Middle Scorers	2	0	2	95	0	0
High Scorers	0	0	1	99	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
-0.193	-0.163	-0.153	0.297



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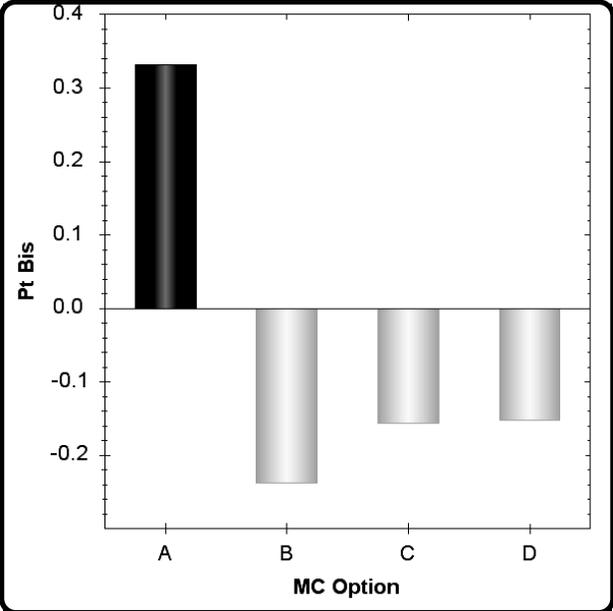
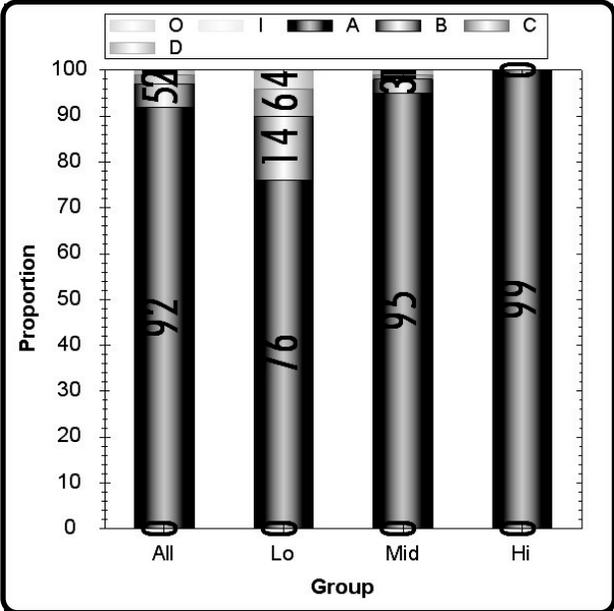
What does Lily say that makes her friend think Boomer is small?

- A.** "Would you watch my puppy?"
- B.** "Heel, Boomer, heel! I mean it!"
- C.** "I'll put on his leash,"
- D.** "And he'll almost be ready to go."

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	A	6493	0.920	0.332

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	92	5	2	1	0	0
Low Scorers	76	14	6	4	0	0
Middle Scorers	95	3	1	1	0	0
High Scorers	99	0	0	0	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
0.332	-0.238	-0.157	-0.152



Notes:

Non SPED students may perform better on this item as compared to SPED students. (B)

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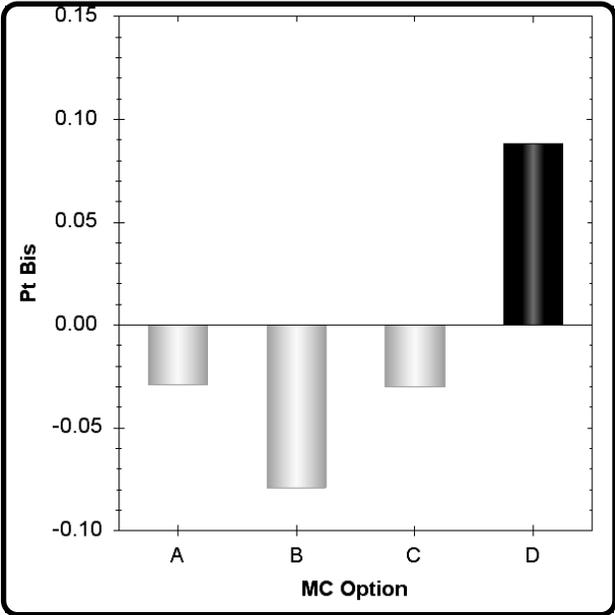
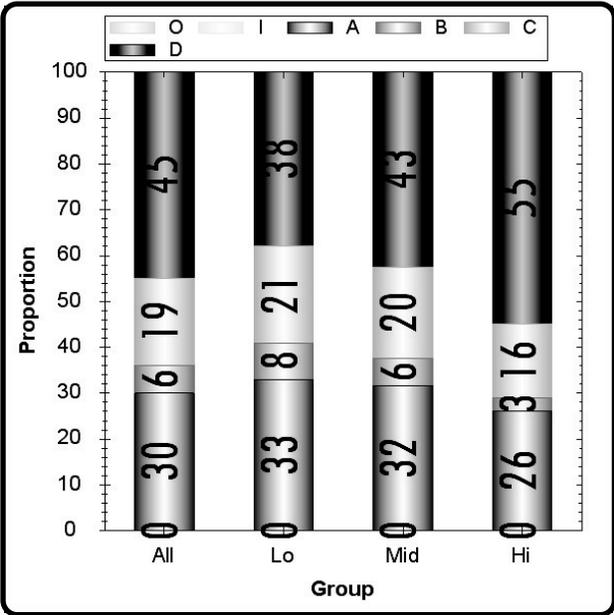
What best describes the pet sitter before meeting Lily's puppy?

- A.** Grateful
- B.** Patient
- C.** Curious
- D.** Helpful

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	D	6493	0.450	0.088

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	30	6	19	45	0	0
Low Scorers	33	8	21	38	0	0
Middle Scorers	32	6	20	43	0	0
High Scorers	26	3	16	55	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
-0.029	-0.079	-0.030	0.088



Notes:
 Low discrimination. Check item and key (if MC item) for ambiguity.

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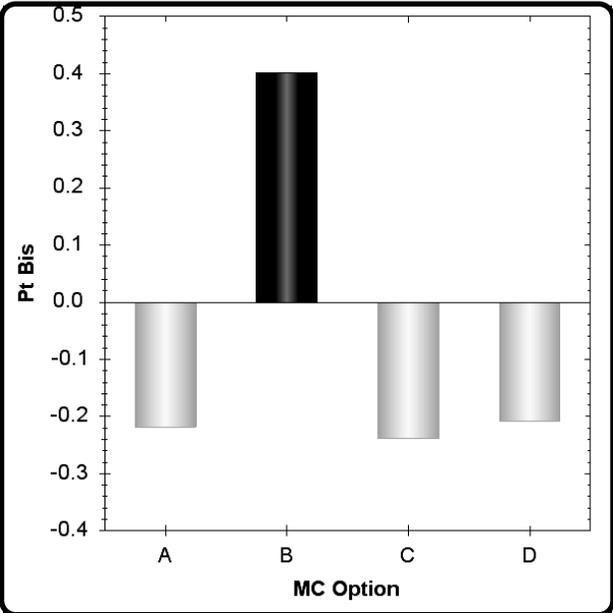
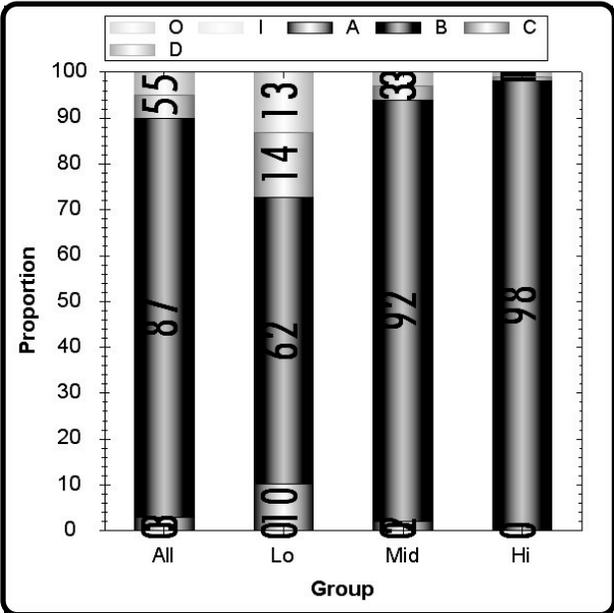
What happens when the pet sitter first sees Boomer?

- A.** The pet sitter gives Boomer a treat.
- B.** Boomer jumps on the pet sitter.
- C.** The pet sitter agrees to watch Boomer.
- D.** Boomer takes the box from the pet sitter.

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	B	6493	0.870	0.402

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	3	87	5	5	0	0
Low Scorers	10	62	14	13	0	0
Middle Scorers	2	92	3	3	0	0
High Scorers	0	98	1	1	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
-0.218	0.402	-0.239	-0.208



Notes:

White students may perform better on this item as compared to Am. Indian students. (B)

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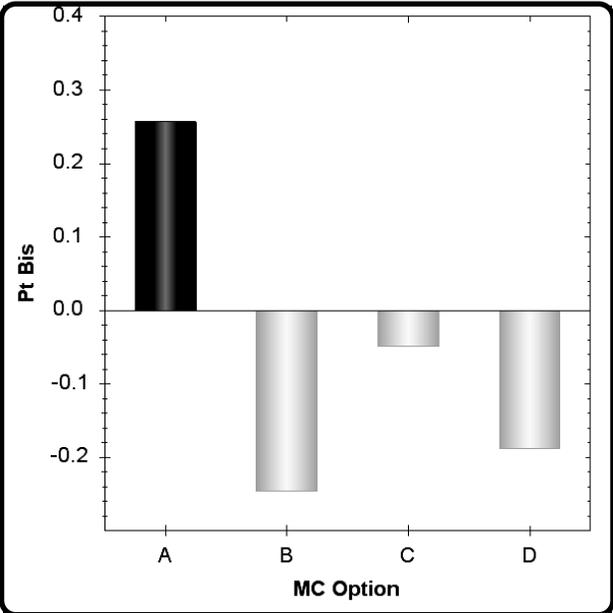
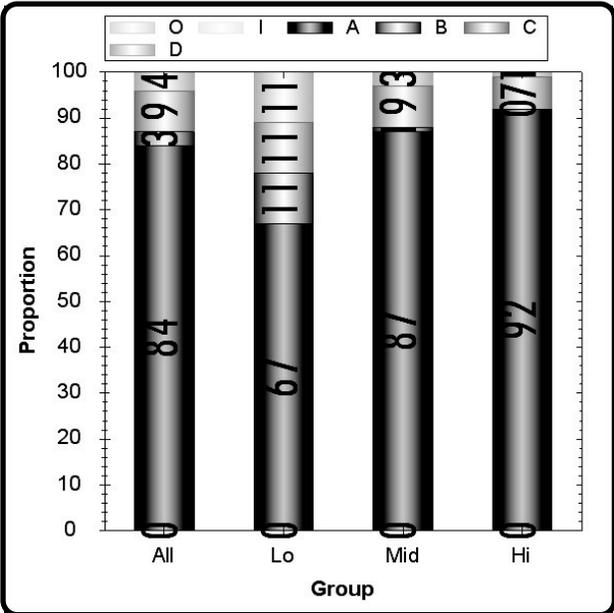
What happens while Boomer is sitting on the pet sitter?

- A.** Boomer licks the pet sitter's face.
- B.** Lily gives Boomer a big hug.
- C.** Boomer is ordered not to jump on the pet sitter.
- D.** Lily puts Boomer on a leash.

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	A	6407	0.842	0.257

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	84	3	9	4	0	0
Low Scorers	67	11	11	11	0	0
Middle Scorers	87	1	9	3	0	0
High Scorers	92	0	7	1	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
0.257	-0.246	-0.049	-0.188



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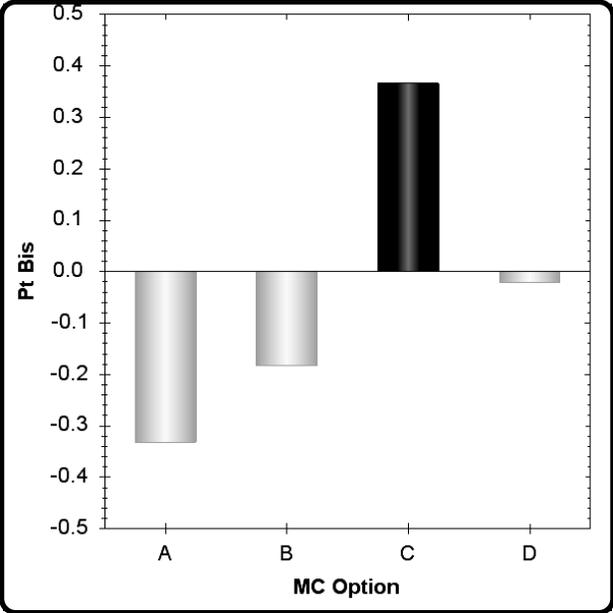
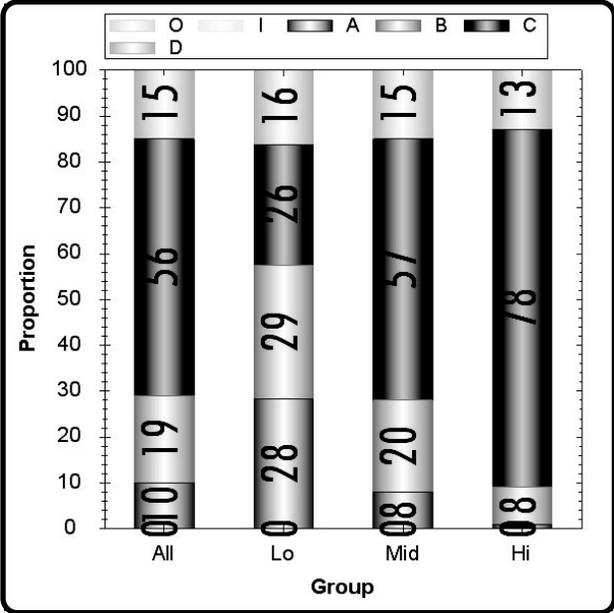
Which line from the poem shows the pet sitter stays calm under difficult conditions?

- A.** A shoebox should be the right size!
- B.** In the next instant, I was flat on my back,
- C.** I decided that silence was best.
- D.** And carefully got to my feet.

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	C	6493	0.560	0.366

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	10	19	56	15	0	0
Low Scorers	28	29	26	16	0	0
Middle Scorers	8	20	57	15	0	0
High Scorers	1	8	78	13	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
-0.332	-0.183	0.366	-0.022



Notes:

Read this line from the poem.

“Look, Lily . . .” I started, but she did not hear,

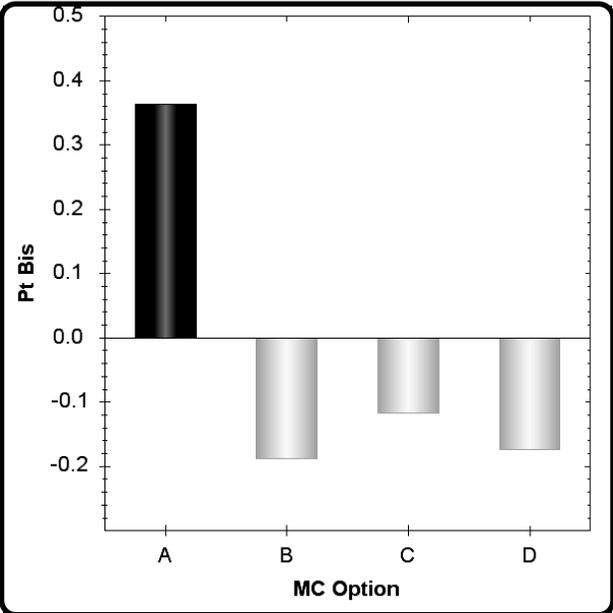
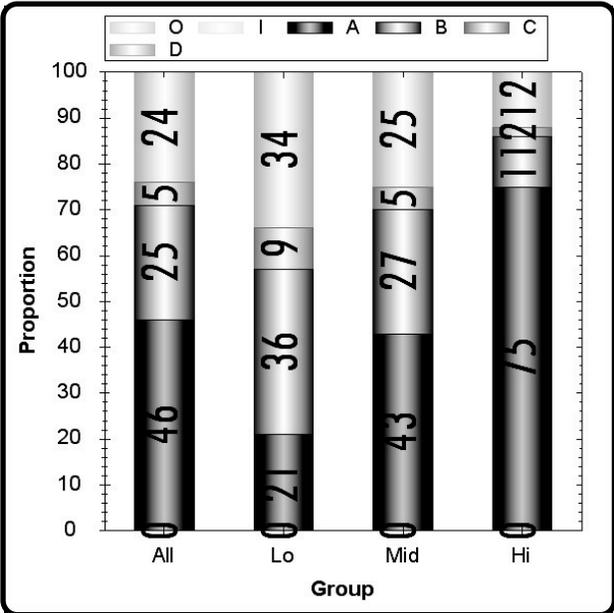
What is the speaker most likely trying to say to Lily?

- A.** That the speaker has changed his or her mind about pet sitting
- B.** That the speaker wants to tell Boomer to behave
- C.** That the speaker is angry at being tricked by Lily
- D.** That the speaker thinks that Boomer will miss Lily too much

Type	Max Points	Correct Answer	N Count	Item Mean	Discrimination
Multiple Choice	1	A	6493	0.460	0.364

	A	B	C	D	Omit	Invalid
All	46	25	5	24	0	0
Low Scorers	21	36	9	34	0	0
Middle Scorers	43	27	5	25	0	0
High Scorers	75	11	2	12	0	0

MC Item Option Discriminations			
A	B	C	D
0.364	-0.188	-0.117	-0.173



Notes:

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If Lily's friend is afraid of Boomer, what will the friend most likely do?

- A.** Ask Lily to pay for the pet sitting
- B.** Advise Lily to train her dog
- C.** Ask Lily for more food and toys
- D.** Tell Lily to ask someone else to pet sit

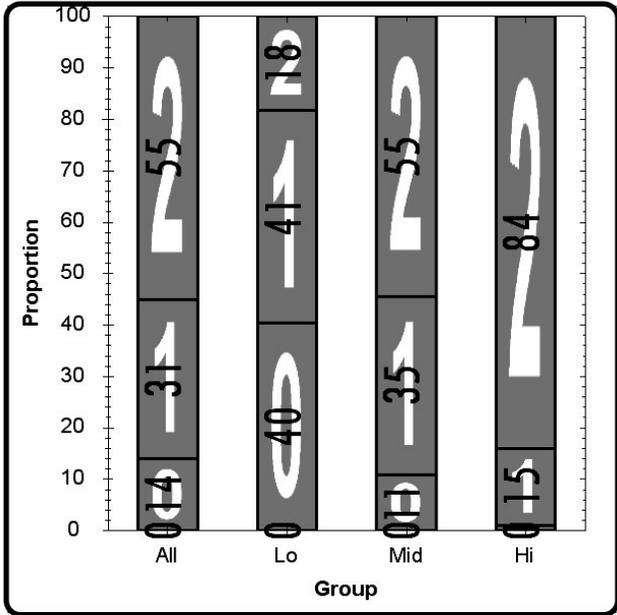
Read this line from the poem.

"I was worried because he's so shy."

Why is it funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy?

Type SR	Max Points 2	N Count 6407	Item Mean 1.399	Discrimination 0.509
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	0	1	2	Omit	Invalid
All	14	31	55	0	0
Low Scorers	40	41	18	0	0
Middle Scorers	11	35	55	0	0
High Scorers	1	15	84	0	0



Notes:

White students may perform better on this item as compared to Am. Indian students. (B)

Non LEP students may perform better on this item as compared to LEP students. (B)

5 Read this line from the poem.

"I was worried because he's so shy."

Why is it funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy?

It is funny that Lily describes Boomer shy because in the poem Boomer jumps up on to the pet sitter and was licking her hair, nose, ears and face and when a dog is shy it doesn't do those things.

Paper 1

Score Point 2

The response provides a relevant interpretation of the plot that explains why it is funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy (. . . *when a dog is shy it doesn't do those things*). The details (*Boomer jumps up on to the pet sitter and was licking her hair, nose, ears and face*) are logical, relevant and sufficient to support the reader's position.

5 Read this line from the poem.

"I was worried because he's so shy."

Why is it funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy?

It is funny because Boomer loves to
play and Lily was being sarcastic.

Paper 2
Score Point 1

The response provides an interpretation of the plot that explains why it is funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy (. . . *Boomer loves to play and Lily was being sarcastic*). This interpretation is somewhat accurate; however, the response fails to provide details from the passage to support the position.

5 Read this line from the poem.

"I was worried because he's so shy."

Why is it funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy?

Its funny that Lily
describes Boomer as
shy cause he doesn't
play with her that
much.

Paper 3

Score Point 0

The response attempts to provide an interpretation of the plot to explain why it is funny that Lily describes Boomer as shy (. . . *cause he doesn't play with her that much*). However, this interpretation is not supported by the passage.

