



Sausages for Lunch

Liz and Graham Hampson love their dogs Charlie and Theo. They are a happy family. They take walks together every day. The Hampsons make barbecued sausages every Sunday. Then the family eats lunch together. Charlie and Theo love barbecued sausages!

One day the Hampsons take their dogs for a walk in the hills near their home. The dogs run ahead into the forest. It is a foggy day, and soon Liz and Graham cannot see their dogs.

“CHARLIE! THEO!” they call, but the dogs do not come back. They are lost.

The Hampsons are very sad. They call their friends and family for help. More than 120 people come to search for the dogs. They search the forest for four days. Nobody can find the dogs.

Then they have an idea. They bring a barbecue grill to the forest. They cook sausages and wait. Finally, they hear a bark. It is Charlie! Theo is right behind him. They smell the sausages, and they are ready for lunch.

Conversation Questions

1. Do you have pets? What kinds of pets do you have?
What are their names? What do they look like?
2. Some people say that their pets are their children. Is it possible for pets to be part of a family? Why or why not?
3. Are you a dog person or a cat person? Why?
4. What types of animals are good pets? What types of animals are not good pets?
5. What are some ways to find a lost dog or cat?

Suggested Vocabulary

- take walks
- sausages
- hills
- foggy
- forest
- lost
- grill
- search
- find
- wait
- bark
- ahead
- behind