

# Poem - Only a Dog



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English



## Only a Dog



Oh, Mum and Dad ...  
Every night I guard you  
while you are fast asleep.  
Every day we go hunting  
for wild meat.  
Yet you forget me.



Oh, Mum and Dad...  
You eat every bit of the meat.  
Only the bones are thrown to me.  
I am so hungry and tired.



Oh, Mum and Dad...  
I sleep outside the house  
and I feel the cold wind.  
I search for a warm place  
but all the doors are shut.



Oh, Mum and Dad ...  
Why am I outside?  
I serve you well  
even though I am only a dog.

# Check Your Understanding

1) Name two things the dog does for its owners.

# Check Your Understanding

2) Why is the dog so hungry and tired?

## Check Your Understanding

3) Do you think the owners treat their dog well? How do you know?

## Check Your Understanding

4) How could the owners treat the dog better? List 3 things.

## Check Your Understanding

5) Have you had a pet? What was the best thing about having a pet?

## Check Your Understanding

6) Why do you think the owners make the dog sleep outside?

## Check Your Understanding

7) Do you think the owners are good hunters? How do you know?

## Check Your Understanding

8) Draw a picture of the dog from the poem and label it with all the information you know about the dog.

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