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**Anticipation Guide**

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| **Statement** | **Agree** | **Disagree** | **Before reading**Explain your answer | **After reading**Does the story support your opinion? Support your answer with direct quotes from the text! |
| Animals are forgetful |  |  |  |  |
| Nothing lasts forever |  |  |  |  |
| A dog is man’s best friend |  |  |  |  |
| Some things cannot be explained |  |  |  |  |

**Directions:** Plot the story line below.

**Climax**

**Falling Action**

**Rising Action**

**Exposition**

**Resolution**

**Conflict Introduced**

1. What does the title, “Lob’s Girl,” foreshadow in the story?
2. What does this paragraph from the story lead readers to think might take place in the story?

*“Some people choose their dogs, and some dogs choose their people. The Pengelly family had no say in the choosing of Lob; he came to them in the second way, and very decisively.”*

1. Underline the part in each excerpt below that foreshadows events in the story. What did each passage foreshadow?

*“As usual, each member of the family was happily getting on with his or her own affairs. Little did they guess how soon this state of things would be changed by the large new member who was going to erupt into their midst.”*

Foreshadows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“Suddenly, history repeating itself, there was a crash from the kitchen. Jean Pengelly leaped up, crying, ‘My blackberry jelly!’ ”*

Foreshadows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. When Lob arrives at the hospital, he shakes his head as if to shake off something heavy. What does this mysterious detail foreshadow?
2. What statement does the author make about the road to the village that gives a hint of an upcoming accident?
3. Would you have ended this story differently than the writer did? Why or why not?
4. What does Lob’s mysterious return at the end of the story suggest about his bond with Sandy?

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| **Word in Context** | **Definition from Context** | **Context Clues** |
| He was not a rich man; and Lob was a pedigreed dog. He said cautiously, “How much would you be asking for him?” |  |  |
| By this time the children, breathless in the background listening to the one side of this conversation, had realized what was in the wind and were dancing up and down with their hands clasped beseechingly. |  |  |
| Nine years went by and each summer Mr. Dodsworth came back to stay at the Fisherman’s Arms and call on his erstwhile dog. |  |  |
| With flushed cheeks and eyes like stars she had darted into the kitchen, where she and Lob were hugging one another in a frenzy of joy. |  |  |
| “ ‘I wonder how he found his way here,’ Mrs. Pengelly said, when the reluctant Lob had been led whining away…” |  |  |