

Then he started to pinch food from the kitchen. Jam tarts, cheese sandwiches and jelly. Barker wasn't fussy.

Mum left a dish of cold beef on a shelf, and Barker jumped up to get it. A carton of milk, a jar of plum jam - Barker knocked them off the shelf to get to the beef.



He looked like a cartoon dog, running away from Mum with a big chunk of beef between his teeth!

Mum said, "No, Barker."
And Barker just barked.

Oh, yes, and Mum wasn't too keen on the muddy paw marks.
When Barker slept on my bed one night, the sheets had to be
washed the next day!



I said, "No, Barker."
And Barker just barked.

We had a bad day when Barker bit the postman. He was bringing us a postcard from Dad's pal Mark (on holiday in Cardiff).

Barker charged up to him and bit his arm.

(He's got sharp teeth, my dog.

The postman's still got the scar.)

The postman said, "No, Barker."

And Barker just barked.



The next day, Barker was sick in the car, at Farnham car park. Barker grabbed an old hotdog from a bin, and when we got back to the car he looked a bit ill. We all got in, and as soon as Dad started up the car, Barker was sick ... very sick indeed.

And we were still in the car park!

Dad said "No Barker."

And Barker just barked.





Then, one night, he started barking when we were all asleep in bed!

Dad went to see what was up.

The kitchen window was smashed, and Dad spotted some men running away from the flat!

"Meet Barker the guard dog!" I said.

"Smart dog, Barker! You're a star!"

That night, they all agreed with me.

Questions to talk about

Re-read the page. Read the question to the children. Tell them whether it is a **FIND IT** question or **PROVE IT** question.

FIND IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find the answer

PROVE IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find your evidence
- ✓ Explain why

Page 9:	FIND IT	How would you describe Barker?
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Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

1. What did Barker do with Grandad's slipper?
He ripped it apart. / He hid it. / He licked it.
2. What did Barker pinch from the kitchen?
He pinched drinks from the kitchen. / He pinched food from the kitchen. /
He pinched slippers from the kitchen.
3. What did Barker do to the postman?
Barker licked the postman. / Barker bit the postman.
4. What did Barker do in the car?
Barker slept in the car. / Barker hid in the car. / Barker was sick in the car.
5. What did Dad say to Barker in the end?
You are a sad dog. / You are a smart dog. / You are a bad dog.

Speed words

Children practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

bringing	beginning	soon	too	looked
indeed	sharp	barked	apart	car
started	jar	all	one	wasn't
does	he's	you're	hold	cold