

Clever Crossing

Read the story, then answer the four questions. Look back at the story for clues.

Read this

Ana's First Bridge

Every summer, Ana camped with her family beside Pine Creek. One afternoon her dog Scout chased a squirrel across the water and got stuck on a slippery rock in the middle, too scared to swim back through the fast current. Ana looked around and spotted a long fallen branch near the trail. She dragged it to the bank and laid it flat between two rocks, pressing down on each end with her boot before she trusted her weight to it. Slowly she crawled across the wobbly branch, calling Scout's name the whole way. When she reached the rock, she scooped him up and inched backward until they were both safe on the grass. Her dad laughed and said she had just built her first bridge.



Questions Write your answers on the lines

- ① What was Scout doing right before he got stuck on the rock? ② What did Ana use to reach Scout and cross the creek?

- ③ Why did Ana press down on each end of the branch with her boot before she crawled across?

figure it out

- ④ Why do you think Ana's dad called the branch her "first bridge"? Do you agree with him?

your opinion

Ray says: Read the question first, then hunt the story for the exact sentence that answers it.



Answers: 1 > he was chasing a squirrel across the water · 2 > a fallen branch (a log) laid between two rocks · 3 > open — she was checking that the branch would hold her weight and not slip or snap · 4 > open — she used the branch the way a real bridge is used, to cross safely over water