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Identifying Character Attributes and Motives

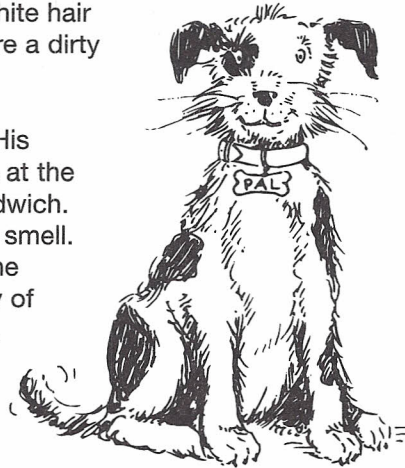
DIRECTIONS: Read the story and then answer the questions.

Ralph

Ralph was a dirty mutt. His once-white hair was gray and brown with grime. He wore a dirty collar around his neck that had an old identification tag.

Right now, Ralph was on his belly. His bright, black eyes were glued to a plate at the edge of the table. On it was a ham sandwich. His moist, black nose twitched with the smell. Ralph knew he would get a swat with the broom or spray with the hose if the lady of the house caught him in the yard again.

His empty belly made him brave. The screen door slammed as the lady went back for other goodies. Ralph flew like a bullet to the edge of the table. The plate tipped onto the ground. Ralph grabbed the sandwich with his teeth and he was off. As he dove through a hole in the bushes, water from the hose whitened the back half of his body and his dirty tail.



1. What is Ralph?

2. Is Ralph living in a home with people the day he steals the sandwich?

3. Did Ralph have a home at one time? Explain your answer.

4. What was Ralph's motive for stealing the sandwich?

5. How does the lady in the passage feel about Ralph? Why do you think this?

