Mississippi Sample Questions 1st Grade Language Arts

"The Missing Ball"

Sue the cat sat by the birdhouse watching Joey the dog. Joey ran around the yard looking for his ball. He ran to the big tree. The dog glanced up in the branches. Joey ran to the sandbox. The dog dug in the sand. Joey ran to his doghouse and looked inside. Then, he ran over to Sue.

"Have you seen my ball?" he asked Sue.

"No. But I will help you look for it," Sue said.

Sue and Joey looked all over the yard. They could not find the ball. Just then, Sue saw a green ball under the flowers. She grabbed the ball and gave it to Joey. Joey was very happy. Sue and Joey played with the ball in the field.

1. What is the lesson of the passage?

- **A** Dogs have more fun than cats.
- **B** Cats are smarter than dogs.
- **C** Working together can solve problems.

2. What kind of character was Sue?

- **A** helpful
- **B** lazy
- C silly

3. Where did Joey look for his ball?

- **A** in the field
- **B** in the sandbox
- **C** in the birdhouse

4. Which word means the same as the word glanced?

- **A** found
- **B** looked
- **C** played