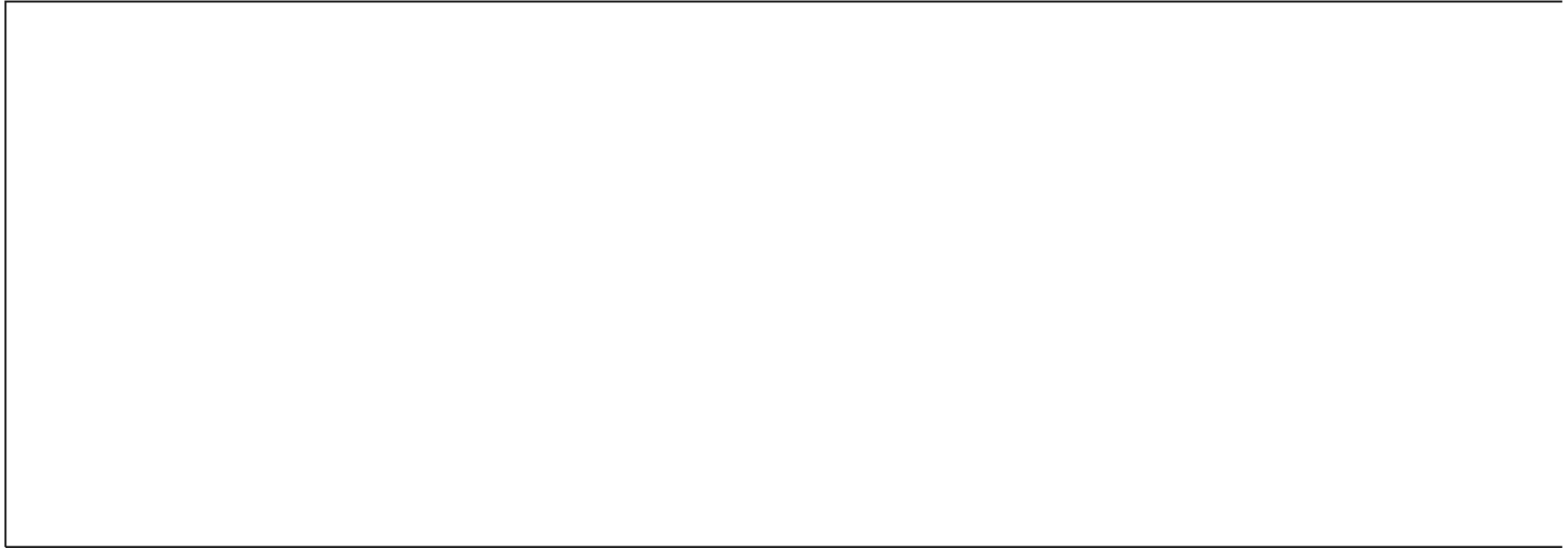


# Finding Out about Characters

## Part A

Read up to the bottom of page 3. Look for all the evidence you can find about Dog. Draw Dog and add labels to him to explain what you have found out about him from the text.

If you have found something out about his personality, write it anywhere on the page.



This dog is called Dog but what name do you think would suit him more? Explain your answer.

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## Part B

What can you work out about the character of Dad just from what he says and does in the very first part of the book?

Below are some quotations from the text. What does each quotation tell you about Dad? Write this in the second column.

<b>Quotation from the text</b>	<b>This makes me think that...</b>
"Well, plucking feathers is your job, Bee," says Dad, chuckling.	He is realistic and states facts. He thinks it is funny that it is Bee's job to pluck feathers or maybe he is chuckling because she has moaned so many times before about plucking feathers.
"As you get older, you will learn new skills, but for now, get plucking!"	
My dad is the sort of dad whose goatskin tunic doesn't go all the way round his belly.	
He is also one of the tribe elders.	
Dad makes new bows from the animal guts and furry clothes from their skins.	
Ignoring my groaning, Dad sings as he mixes up the deer brains.	
"Well, I don't hate ducks, Bee," says Dad, glancing towards me. "Duck skin makes lovely, soft leather. Your underpants are made of duck skin. Rubbing in the brain..." he continues to sing happily.	

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★ **Challenge Task** ★  
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Can you think of five words beginning with 's' which could be used to describe Dad?

Write them here:

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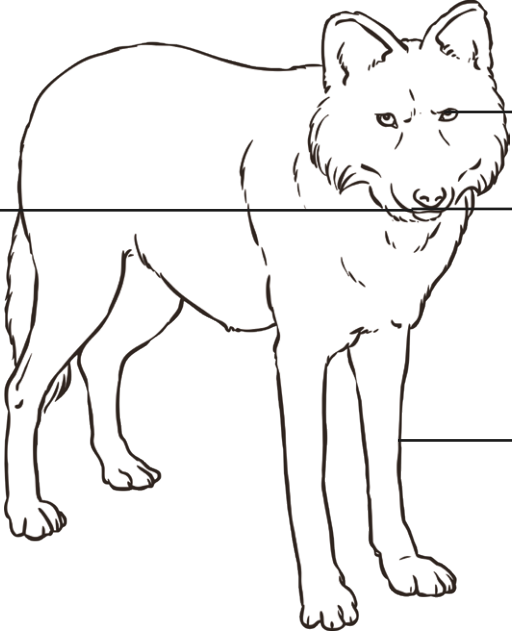
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# Finding Out about Characters Answers

## Part A

Example answer:



*He gets excited whenever Bee shouts.*

*He was trained from a puppy by Bee.*

*dog slime/saliva, slavering jaws, strong teeth because Bee struggles to get the duck from him.*

*tufty head*

*pointy teeth*

*strong legs because he leaps up at Bee*

*He likes to eat ducks because he snatches one in his teeth.*

*He can be stubborn because he won't let go of the duck when Bee tries to take it.*

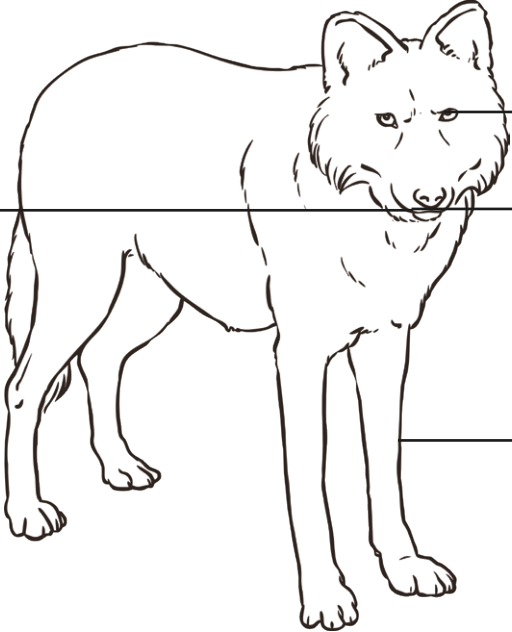
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*I think he should be called Bouncy because the text says that he jumps up and down.*

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## Part B

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“As you get older, you will learn new skills, but for now, get plucking!”	<i>He is the sort of person who tries to explain things, but he makes Bee carry on with her job and doesn’t give in.</i>
My dad is the sort of dad whose goatskin tunic doesn’t go all the way round his belly.	<i>He has a large stomach.</i>
He is also one of the tribe elders.	<i>He has authority in the tribe and he is probably one of the older members of the group.</i>
Dad makes new bows from the animal guts and furry clothes from their skins.	<i>He is skilled at making things. He is not squeamish about using animal parts to make things.</i>
Ignoring my groaning, Dad sings as he mixes up the deer brains.	<i>He likes to sing and seems jolly. He is quite tough because he ignores Bee’s groaning.</i>
“Well, I don’t hate ducks, Bee,” says Dad, glancing towards me. “Duck skin makes lovely, soft leather. Your underpants are made of duck skin. Rubbing in the brain...” he continues to sing happily.	<i>He tries to reason with Bee. He wants her to understand that her job is important.</i>

### ★ Challenge Task ★

Can you think of five words beginning with ‘s’ which could be used to describe Dad?

Write them here:

*strong-willed, singer, sizeable, skilled, senior*