

**Connect** Do you like stories about animals? Which is your favourite animal story?

**Reflect** Which of these make better friends—pet animals or people?

**Imagine** Your neighbour has asked you to take care of his pet for a day. How would you do it?

### Word Bank

squealed	made a gentle noise
fluff	soft hair
drooped	hung down
patches	marks
stroke	to pass the hand over
wagged	shook very fast

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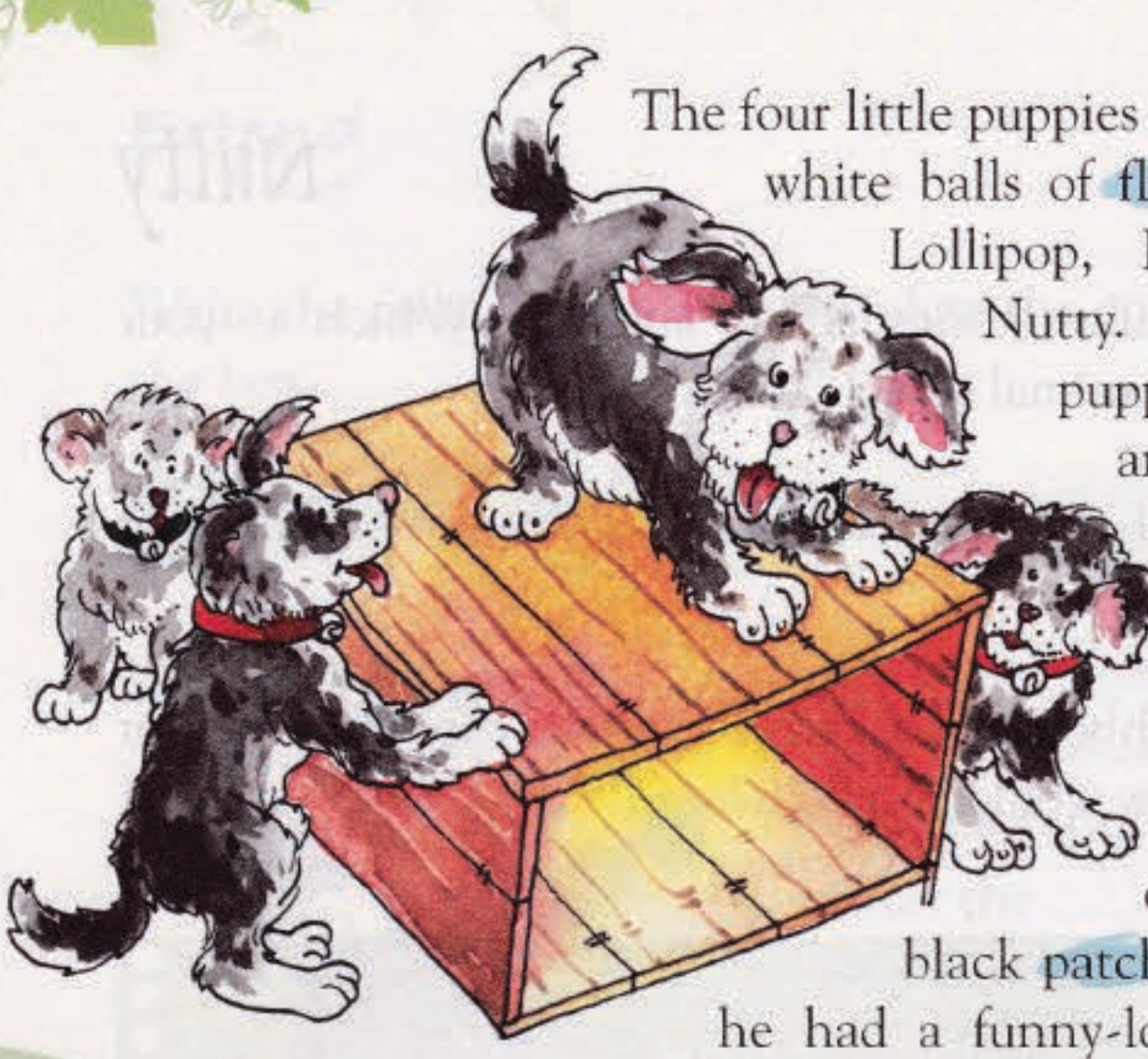
### Read

Now let us read about Nutty, the puppy.

'Bow! Wow! Wow!' barked Candy.

'Chuee! Chuee!' squealed Candy's puppies.

Candy was six-year-old Rahul's pet dog. Candy's puppies and Rahul were good friends.



The four little puppies were like four black and white balls of fluff. Rahul called them Lollipop, Poppins, Sweetie and Nutty. He would pick up the puppies one after another and stroke the soft fur.

Lollipop, Poppins and Sweetie were beautiful. But Nutty had a funny face. One of his ears stood up while the other drooped. He had black patches under his eyes. And he had a funny-looking tail. But Rahul

66 loved him the most of all.

Every evening, Rahul played with the puppies. They ran around the garden. They played with Rahul's blue Frisbee. He laughed when the puppies fought over the Frisbee.

One day, Uncle Mehta came on a visit. 'Lovely pups!' he said as he came in. 'I will take that one. What do you call him?' he asked Rahul's father.

'Poppins,' Papa said, and gave him the pup.



Rahul felt sad. But his mother said, 'The pups will soon grow big. And we cannot have five dogs in the house.'

The next day, Auntie Nina came. She took away Lollipop and Sweetie. Now only Nutty was left. Rahul spent all his time with him. He loved Nutty very much. He wished no one would take Nutty away from him.

For some days, no one came. Then one day, Papa's friend came with his family in a big car. He wanted to buy a pup. When he saw Nutty, he said, 'Oh no! He looks funny.'

'But Nutty is beautiful,' said Rahul.

'All right,' Papa said. 'We will keep Nutty for Rahul.'

Rahul was very happy. He and Nutty ran round and round the room. Mummy and Papa laughed. And Candy also joined in the fun and

wagged her tail!

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### Consolidate

#### Read and Answer

A. Tick the correct answers.

- Candy was
  - a puppy.
  - Rahul's pet dog.
  - a cat.
- Candy had
  - four puppies.
  - three puppies.
  - six puppies.

- Nutty
  - was beautiful.
  - very big.
  - had a funny face.

- Uncle Mehta took away
  - Poppins.
  - Nutty.
  - all the pups.

- Rahul and Nutty ran around the room because they were
  - naughty.
  - happy.
  - foolish.

B. Complete the following sentences.

- Candy's puppies had \_\_\_\_\_ fur.
- Three of the pups were \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rahul \_\_\_\_\_ Nutty most of all.
- The rich man did not take Nutty because \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rahul was very happy because \_\_\_\_\_.

### Create

#### Listening Power

Listen to your teacher read about some animals. Circle the animals that you can keep as pets.

hippo

cat

fish

cow

tiger