

# Saki's surprising secret

## Warm-up

1. Do you like animals? (*Yes, I do. I like...*)
2. What animals do you see near your house? (*I see...*)
3. What would you do if you found a lost puppy? (*If I found a lost puppy, I would...*)

## Vocabulary Match

- surprising • secret • stories • scared • puppy • special •
- afraid • young dog • shocking • unique • tales • hidden

## Story

Saki is a young girl who goes to a big school in Tokyo. She has a big secret. Saki can talk to animals! Every day, she walks to school and talks to birds and cats. They tell her stories about the city.

One sunny day, a little bird tells Saki about a lost puppy near the school. Saki wants to help. She looks around the school and finds the puppy behind a tree. It is small and scared. Saki talks to the puppy and makes it happy. She takes the puppy to a teacher.

The teacher is surprised. "How did you find the puppy, Saki?" she asks. Saki smiles but does not tell her secret. The teacher calls the puppy's owner. The owner is very happy to see the puppy again. Saki feels good. She loves helping animals. Her secret is special. She walks home, talking to her animal friends.

## Quiz

1. What is Saki's secret?
2. Where does Saki find the lost puppy?
3. Who does Saki give the puppy to?

## Conversation

- Saki: Good afternoon, little bird! Any news today?
- Bird: Hello, Saki! Yes, I saw a lost puppy near the school.
- Saki: Oh no, that's sad! Can you tell me where you saw it?
- Bird: Yes, it was behind a tree near the playground.
- Saki: Thank you! I'll go and look for it right away.
- Bird: Be careful, Saki. The puppy looked scared.
- Saki: Don't worry, I'll be very gentle. I hope I can find it quickly.
- Bird: You're very kind, Saki. Good luck!

## Discussion

1. Do you have a pet? What kind of pet is it?
2. What animal do you want to talk to?
3. Have you ever lost something important?