# An Idea for Tucker

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

**Remember:** Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

**Tip:** Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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The science fair was one week away, and Tucker's poster board was still blank. His friend Zara was building a volcano. Ben was growing beans under coloured lights. Tucker had no idea at all.

"Everything has already been done," he groaned, flopping onto the couch. His dog, Biscuit, trotted over and dropped her slobbery ball in his lap. Then she nudged his hand toward the kitchen, where the treat jar sat on the counter.

Tucker laughed. "You only care about treats," he said. Then he sat up straight. "Biscuit, that's it!"

That afternoon, Tucker set up an experiment. He put three bowls on the floor: one with a carrot stick, one with a dog biscuit and one with a slice of apple. He wrote down which bowl Biscuit went to first. He did the test ten times, mixing up the bowls each time so the answer would be fair.

The results surprised him. Biscuit chose the carrot six times, the dog biscuit three times and the apple only once.

Tucker made a bar graph and called his project "Which Snack Does My Dog Like Best?" At the science fair, people laughed and asked lots of questions. Tucker won second place. When he got home, he gave Biscuit a big carrot. "Thanks for the idea, partner," he said.

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Circle the best answer.

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(c) He was sick.

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(b) His dog, Biscuit
(c) His teacher

**3. Which snack did Biscuit choose most often?**

(a) The carrot
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## 2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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# Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **Why did Tucker mix up the bowls each time?**
   So the test would be fair and Biscuit would not just go to the same spot every time.
2. **How did Tucker's feelings change from the beginning to the end?**
   At the beginning he was frustrated and had no ideas. At the end he was happy and proud because he won second place.
3. **Why did the results surprise Tucker?**
   He probably expected Biscuit to choose the dog biscuit, but she chose the carrot the most.