

Poppy is Gone!

Isabel: **sounding really hysterical** Phil? Where are you?!

Phillip runs to Isabel and finds her in a state of distress.

Phillip: What happened? Could you tell me what's wrong?

Isabel: Poppy! Poppy is gone!

Phillip: Oh no! Is she dead? I'm really sorry, she was a great dog.

Isabel: No, no. She's missing but now that you mention it, **cries harder** she might have died by now. She's completely helpless without me!

Phillip: Now now Isabel, let's not jump to conclusions. I know you're in a bad place but may I ask you something? Have you looked everywhere?

Isabel: Of course I have!

Phillip: Even inside the cupboards?

Isabel: Why would Poppy be in there?! Although, yes, I did check.

Phillip: She might have jumped off the sofa and gone outside. I saw the window open earlier.

Isabel: She might have been stolen!

Phillip: That's unlikely! She might just be befriending the cats on the street.

Isabel: Could you please take this seriously! It's not a joke! I'm extremely anxious!

Phillip: I'm sorry, Isabel. I'm just trying to cheer you up. Let's just try to calm down a bit then maybe we can think better. I'm sure she's fine.
Could you try to remember where and when you last saw Poppy?

Isabel: Let me think...I saw her in the kitchen eating her breakfast just this morning. When I went back to brush her teeth, I couldn't find her.

Phillip: May I ask you what Poppy's breakfast consisted of?

Isabel: You must be kidding! I may collapse and have a panic attack right now if I don't find her! So it might be a good idea to stop playing Phillip Holmes.

Phillip: Look, the tiniest detail might be of extreme importance for this investigation.

Isabel: Okay then, she had boiled carrots, chicken and rice. Oh and I gave her one of those duck flavour biscuits for dessert.

Phillip: Oh yeah, those duck treats are scrumptious, especially with earl grey tea.

Isabel: What?! That's disgusting! You may be the weirdest man I know.
Stay away from my dog's biscuits!

Phillip: Hmm... she left a juicy piece of chicken just by the side of her bowl. She can't have gone too far.

Isabel: Oh, please stop it. Could you please call our neighbours? They might have seen Poppy around. I'll look for a picture of her and print some flyers.

Phillip: Okay, I'll check social media as well. Someone might have posted about her.

Isabel and Phillip hear barking outside.

Isabel: Wait, is that Poppy? **runs to the door hastily**

Phillip: It must be! **follows Isabel**

They find Poppy outside the door and beside her is a cat.

Isabel: Oh! Poppy! Where did you go? I was worried sick. **picks up Poppy**

Phillip: Remember when I said she might have befriended a cat on the street? Look. **points at the cat**

Isabel: Oh that's Oscar! I see that cat all the time whenever I walk her!

Phillip: She may be a small dog, but she is very brave. That cat is twice her size! He could have eaten her for breakfast. Anyway, all's well that ends well.

Words & Phrases

in a state of distress - muy angustiado

missing - perdido, desaparecido

helpless - indefenso. También puede significar inútil en otro contexto.

to be in a bad place - estar pasando un mal momento

to befriend - hacerse amigo de

to cheer someone up - dar ánimos a alguien

tiniest detail - el más mínimo detalle

treat - premio (en este caso una chuchería para perros)

scrumptious - delicioso, exquisito

weird - raro, extraño

to bark - ladrar

hastily - apresuradamente, rápidamente

to be worried sick - muy preocupado por

All's well that ends well - bien está lo que bien acaba.