

Name _____



Emma Decides

Directions: Read the short story about Emma and the puppy. Answer the “why” and “how” questions using **complete sentences**. Use **text evidence** from the story to explain your answers.

Emma was walking home from school when she heard a soft whimper. Behind a tree, she found a small puppy with no collar. The puppy wagged its tail and followed her down the sidewalk. Emma wanted to keep the puppy because it looked lonely and cute. But she also thought about how someone might be searching for their pet. As she reached her house, Emma wondered what the right choice would be.

Critical Thinking Questions

1. Why did Emma want to keep the puppy?

2. Why might it be important for Emma to find the puppy's owner?

3. How did Emma show she was thinking carefully about her decision?

4. If you were Emma, what would you do, and why?