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The Scruffy Puppy

Read the passage:

Lena found a **scruffy** puppy hiding behind the bushes near her house. Its fur was tangled, and it had a small **scratch** on its leg. Carefully, Lena picked up the pup and took it home. She gave it a warm bath and gently **scrubbed** the dirt away. The puppy let out a soft **scream** when the soap got in its eyes, but Lena rinsed it quickly and patted it dry.

Later, she made a cozy bed with old **scraps** of cloth. The puppy wagged its tail and **scrunched** into the blanket. Lena smiled, knowing she had a new best friend.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Where did Lena find the puppy?
2. Why did the puppy scream?
3. What did Lena use to make the bed?
4. What word in the story means “messy or dirty-looking”?
5. How do you think Lena felt at the end of the story?

