

Name _____

Emotion Detective Worksheet Answer Key

1. What might have happened right before this moment that led to the child playing with the dog?

Possible answers:

The child finished homework and decided to relax.

The child came home from school and wanted to play with their dog.

The dog approached the child wanting attention.

The child was bored and chose to play with their pet.

2. What emotion might the child be feeling?

Suggested answers: Happy, Excited, Loved, Calm, Proud

3. Most likely primary emotion: Happy or Excited. What clues helped identify the emotion? Possible clues:

The child is smiling.

The child is leaning toward the dog in a playful way.

The dog looks happy and engaged.

The room is bright and the child appears relaxed.

The child's body posture is open and energetic.

4. What thoughts might the child have? Possible thoughts:

"I love playing with my dog." "My dog makes me happy."

"This is fun." "I'm glad I get to spend time with my dog."

5. What might have happened earlier that caused the child to feel this way?

Possible answers:

The child might have had a bad day at school.

Plans to play outside may have been cancelled because of the rain.

The child may have argued with a friend or family member.

The child might be missing someone.

The child may simply be feeling lonely or bored.

6. What emotion might the child be feeling? Suggested answers:

Sad, Lonely, Worried, Disappointed, Hurt

Most likely primary emotion: Sad or Lonely