



## A Lesson on The Lost Dog by James Shaw

**Grade Level:** Grade 6

**Subject Area:** English Language Arts

**Lesson Length:** 3 hours

**Lesson Keywords:** <http://lessonfarm.com>

**Lesson Description:** Read the following short story.

Find the meaning of vocabulary word. Correctly choose the use of vocabulary word in a sentence.

Comprehend the meaning of the term or phrase from the story.

Write an essay with an explanation of questions asked about the story, use examples.

### Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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## Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

**Instructions:** Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

### The Lost Dog

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**Content:** One particularly cold Saturday in January, I was supposed to take our dog out for a walk, but it was so cold that I didn't want to go outside. Instead, I just opened the door and let the dog out by himself. I kept an eye on him to make sure he would come back inside.

However, another neighborhood dog quickly ran past our house, and our dog sped after it to catch him. I hurriedly went to grab my coat so I could follow my dog, and then I rushed outside. Unfortunately, I was already too late, and my dog was nowhere in sight. I walked a few blocks, but I was unable to find him.

Distressed, I returned home. My mother was standing at the door waiting, and she asked me what had happened. I know I was supposed to walk our dog, I confessed, but I thought he would be able to go outside and come back by himself. Now he's gone and I can't find him anywhere.

My mother was very angry with me; she said I should have been more responsible. She decided to help by making some signs. The signs read, Lost: A big black dog. Please call us right away and she printed our phone number on the bottom. Okay, Darrell, she said, as she handed over the stack of signs, now go post these fliers on all the street posts.

My sister and I grabbed the signs and we posted them along our street as well as along the surrounding streets. The whole time, I was incredibly sad and worried about our dog. All I could think about was how cold it was and how cold our dog must be. My sister wanted to go home, so I told her I'd walk her home, but then keep looking for the dog myself. I took her home and resumed search.

I continued circling the neighborhood, looking for our dog, but I didn't see him anywhere. I called out his name, and I looked in all the alleys. I got more and more upset. I had made such a huge mistake. All I wanted was to stay warm, but now I was extremely cold and so was my dog.

Finally, I gave up and sulked home. When I returned, my mother was waiting for me and smiling broadly. She told me, Our dog came back home all by himself. So, you were right he did come back but you were wrong, too. You should have done your job this morning.

You're right, mom. I was wrong, and, as a result, I have learned a very important lesson today. What seems easy initially may turn out to be difficult in the end. This was a very difficult morning for everyone.

Ever since that morning, I have remembered that important lesson I learned.

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## Task 1: Vocabulary

**Instructions:** Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

**Q: 1 WordPhrase:** Distressed **WordPhraseTier:** 2

**Question:** "When I could not find my dog I felt distressed."

"What is the meaning of the word distressed in sentence?"

**A:** unhappy

**B:** funny

**C:** angry

**D:** happy

**Question:** Which one of the sentences below uses the word "distressed" correctly?

**A:** I was so distressed that i could not stop laughing.

**B:** When I see the distressed look on her face I knew she was excited.

**C:** I was distressed when I received a bad grade on the exam.

**D:** When Jimmy hit the homerun that won the championship game the coach was distressed.

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## Task 2: Forum Discussion

**Instructions:** This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and and two peer responses for each topic.

1 - What did the boy mean in the following sentence?

The boy says,What seems easy initially may turn out to be difficult in the end.

Explain what in the end means in the sentence.

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Task 3: Writing Activity

**Instructions:** You are to write and post here 500 words essay on .... Make sure to provide specific examples.

?Please write a detailed explanation to both questions:

Why responsibility is important?

What lesson did the boy learn?

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