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# Reading Comprehension: The Walk's Discovery

**Directions:** Read the story below. Then answer the questions.



## The Walk's Discovery

"See you later!" Ralph called to his friend. It was time for him to go home for lunch. He had been playing at his friend's house every morning of summer break. He enjoyed the freedom that his mom gave him. She let him walk to his friend's house, and then walk home by himself, too. As long as he made it home in time, he could continue this routine.

Ralph skipped, walked, and jogged home. The day was beautiful and the sun was shining. He was in a good mood. Nothing could bring him down!

Suddenly, Ralph stopped short. He almost stepped on something on the sidewalk. As he looked down, Ralph realized that it was an injured bird. It was barely moving and looked like it was in pain.

Ralph knew that he should never touch a wild animal. There were many reasons to leave wildlife alone, but he really wanted to pick up this bird. It looked like a baby. However, he knew that if he picked up a baby bird, the mother might abandon it. He didn't want to cause any more problems.

Instead, Ralph looked at his surroundings so he could remember exactly where the bird was located. He noticed the street signs and what houses he was near. He wanted to be able to bring his mom back to this exact spot. He knew his mom would know exactly what to do.

Ralph raced home. He ran so fast that when he got there, he was out of breath. He tried to speak, but he could not get his words out clearly.

"Ralph," his mom said, "Please slow down. Is something wrong? You're worrying me."

"There's a bird on the sidewalk, Mom. I think it's injured. Can we help it?"

Ralph guided his mom to the place where he had first seen the injured bird. Sure enough, it was still there in the same spot. His mom crouched down to look at it, but she did not touch it. Ralph and his mom discussed what they thought could have caused the problem. They also talked about what they should do.

They left the bird on the sidewalk as they walked home. Upon returning home, Ralph's mom did some research. She found the number of a wildlife rescue organization that takes care of injured animals. She made the phone call and shared the information about where the bird could be found.

The day had started so wonderfully, but then Ralph had become a worried mess. He was glad that his mom was able to get the problem solved. The bird would be fine and Ralph had done his part to help it. Ralph felt better!

1. **Who** called the wildlife rescue organization?

2. **What** did Ralph find on his way home from his friend's house?

3. **When** did Ralph have to be home each day from his friend's house?

4. **Where** did Ralph find the injured bird?

5. **Why** did Ralph hurry home to his mom after he saw the injured bird?

6. **How** did Ralph feel after his mom called the wildlife rescue organization?