

18 Hot Dog Harris

The Harris family had a dog. Nothing unusual about that you might think – except Hot Dog Harris was the smallest dog in the world!

Hot Dog was a Yorkshire terrier. He lived in Barnsley with Mr and Mrs Harris and their son Harold and their daughter Hattie and their grandad, old Mr Harris.

Old Mr Harris didn't think much of Hot Dog. "You call that a dog!" he said. "It looks like a wig on legs."

Hot Dog was so small everyone had to be very careful around him.

Old Mr Harris had to be very careful where he sat down.
Mrs Harris had to be careful when she hoovered the carpet.
Mr Harris had to be careful whenever he blew his nose.
Harold had to be careful whenever he put on his football boots.
Hattie had to be careful to look before she jumped into bed.
They all had to be careful not to let Hot Dog out of the house.

He was so small anything might happen!

Rose Impey

Do you remember?

Copy these sentences into your book.
Think of a sensible word to fill each gap.

- Hot Dog was a Yorkshire _____.
- He lived with the _____ family.



- They all lived in a town called _____.
- The children were called _____ and _____.
- Grandad said Hot Dog looked like a _____ on legs.

More to think about

- One word in each sentence doesn't make sense. Write each sentence correctly in your book.
 - Harold's brother was called Hattie.
 - Hot Dog was the longest dog in the world.
 - Their grandad loved the little creature.
- Write a sentence to answer each question.
 - Why do you think the dog was called 'Hot Dog'?
 - Why did old Mr Harris call him 'a wig on legs'?
 - Why did the family want to keep Hot Dog in the house?



Now try these

- Pretend you are Hot Dog. Copy these boxes neatly into your book. Write two ideas in each box. One has been done to help you.

<i>Good things about being small</i>	<i>Good things about being big</i>
My owners can take me about easily.	
<i>Bad things about being small</i>	<i>Bad things about being big</i>

- One day Hot Dog managed to escape from the house. Describe one of the adventures he might have had.