

Good Dog, Carl

dialogue interpretation by Carmen, 5th grade writer

"Is she gone? Carl asked.

Baby responded, "Let's hope so, or else we're goners."

"Hurry, get on my back. I'm pretty sure she's gone," Carl commanded.

"Are you sure this thing is stable?" Baby questioned.

Carl hesitated, "Uhhh...yeah. Y-y-yes, it's stable."

"You're hesitating, why are you hesitating!?" Baby demanded.

Carl barked, "It's stable! Yes, ma'am!"

"Onward," Baby exclaimed.

Carl barked, "To the soft trampoline!"

"You mean the bed?" Baby pointed out.

Carl yelled, "JUMP! JUMP! JUMP! Bouncy."

"I'm getting bored," Baby exclaimed.

"Then, onward!" Carl barked.

Baby screamed, "MAKE-UP!"

"Powder me up, Baby!" Carl commanded.

"You're a psychotic dog," Baby also pointed out.

Carl barked, "Jewelry!"

"I look like Queen Elizabeth," Baby said proudly.

Carl giggled, "More like a lily pad in a pond."

Baby squealed, "Hey!"



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dialogue interpretation by Alex, 5th grade writer

"I thought she'd never leave," sighed Dog.

Baby cooed, "Is she gone?"

"Yeah, hop on," ushered Dog.

Baby giggled, "OK, Doggy."

"Onward!" boomed Dog.

"Yippee," Baby squealed, "Let's go!"

"Don't tell Mom," Dog whispered.

"I won't, Doggy," replied Baby, "I promise."

"I believe I can fly!!!" Dog exclaimed.

"This is fun!" screeched Baby.

"Hey, hey, hey. Easy on the blush," coughed Dog, "I don't want it to overpower my eyes!"

"You look pretty," cooed Baby.

"Oh, I love that necklace," Dog gasped. "No, the other one. It complements my fur."

"Yay, a slide," clapped Baby gleefully.

"OK. We can go down the slide," Dog replied hesitantly. "Ready, Set...Hey wait! I didn't say GO!"

"Whoooooooooooo!" squealed Baby.

"Run, run, run, run, run," panted Dog. "This better count as exercise!"



Inspired by a wordless picture book, Good Dog, Carl, these two fifth graders created dialogue that might have been exchanged between Carl and the baby he is watching. They also worked hard on using interesting synonyms for the verb *said*. This writing was inspired by an on-line lesson housed at the WritingFix website: (<http://writingfix.com>)