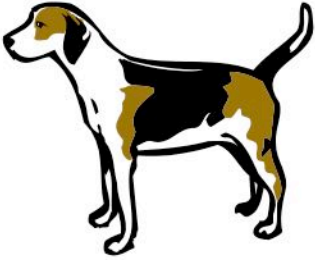


Mommy's Necklace

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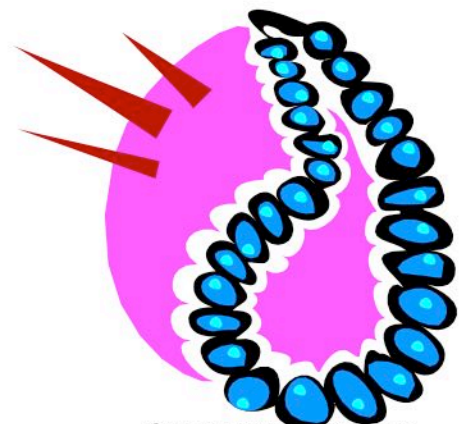
Dad usually didn't like playing dress-up, unless he was in a good mood on a weekend. Tubby the dog didn't like playing dress-up, because he was cranky and very energetic. He barked and nipped at her if she tried to put a headband on him or little socks. That meant mostly it was Mommy that played with her.

Mommy was very pretty, and she had a lot of shoes and clothes. Lila liked digging through her dresser and going into her closet. She was never sure what she would find. She made Mommy dress up like a princess or like a model. It was like having a big doll to play with. Lila always tried to match the shoes with the clothes. Then she would add some earrings or a necklace.

One of Mommy's necklaces was her favorite. It was long with many little blue stones all along it. It was pretty big on Mommy, but it was huge on Lila. They had to wrap it around twice, so it made two loops around her neck. Even then it still hung down nearly to her waist, but she loved the way it looked!

She liked to dress up along with her mother, but she had to wear her own clothes, since the stuff in Mommy's closet wouldn't fit. The jewelry would often fit, though. She could wear bracelets and rings, even if they were a bit big. The necklace was always her favorite, though. She liked to wear it around the house and even on walks when they took Tubby outside. She even slept in it once or twice.

One day, Mommy smiled and handed it to her. "Why don't you keep it? You love it so much more than I do, and I really want you to keep it." Lila couldn't believe it. It was so great to have the necklace, and even better to have such a nice Mommy!



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 - D. dress up
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 - D. She has many shoes and lots of jewelry.
4. Lila's favorite thing of her mother's to play with and wear is what?
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 - C. her necklace
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