

N2K Week 8 Lesson 4

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

I never meant to say anything about this, but the fact is that I have never met a dog that didn't have it in for me. You take Kelly, for instance. He's a wirehaired fox terrier, and he's had us for three years now. I wouldn't say that he is terribly handsome, but he does have a very nice smile. What he doesn't have is any sense of fitness. All the other dogs in the area spend their afternoons yapping at each other's heels or chasing cats. Kelly spends his whole day, every day, chasing swans on the millpond. I don't actually worry because he will never catch one. For one thing, he can't swim. Instead of settling for a simple dog paddle like everybody else, he has to show off and try some difficult overhand stroke, with the result that he always sinks and has to be fished out. Naturally people talk, and I never take him for a walk that somebody doesn't point him out and say, "There's that crazy dog that chases swans."

1. The phrase that best describes the tone of the paragraph is
 - A. subtle grief
 - B. light humor
 - C. stark realism
 - D. sentimentality
2. The tone of this paragraph is achieved through
 - A. realistic dialogue
 - B. mock seriousness
 - C. bizarre fantasy
 - D. exaggerated description