

## N2K Week 6 Lesson 4

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

It was around midnight when I awakened. I lay listening to the beat of the storm, which rattled the windows, swished in the maples, and moaned in the giant spruce. Then I heard the sound that had awakened me. A dog howled, close beside the house.

A dog howling in the night...is enough to scare the sense right out of me. It's a primitive sound, a wail right out of the wilderness. I lay and listened and hoped it wouldn't waken my wife. Then I heard a sharp intake of breath, and she asked in a tense whisper, "What's that?"

"The wind," I suggested, hoping the dog wouldn't howl again. But it did.

"It's a dog," she said, "or a wolf."

"A dog, just a dog," I said.

1. This paragraph creates a mood of
  - A. mounting suspense
  - B. subtle humor and lighthearted adventure
  - C. open hostility between characters
  - D. cheerful lightness
2. The narrator's words suggest a tone of
  - A. guilt on the part of the narrator
  - B. strong religious convictions on the part of the wife
  - C. tension as the events unfold
  - D. willingness to accept whatever fate has to offer