

Hachiko



Outside of Shibuya Station in Tokyo there is a bronze statue of a faithful dog named Hachiko.

Hachiko was taken in as a puppy by university professor Hidesaburo Ueno in 1924. Every day the dog walked to the train station to see his master on his way. He returned to the station at the end of the day to **greet** the professor as he arrived home on the 4 o'clock train.

Sadly, one day in 1925 the professor never returned home. He became ill and died whilst giving a lecture at the university. Hachiko **faithfully** waited for his master's return and continued to wait each day for the next ten years.

The professor's gardener, who inherited the house, also vowed to take care of the beloved pet. Yet each day at around 4 o'clock, Hachiko would disappear from the garden as he made his way to the station in time to greet his former master.

Sadly the heartbroken dog could never **adapt** to living with anyone else and lived out his final years as a stray. His body was found in a street not far from the train station in 1935, ten years after the death of the professor.

Hachiko's body was **preserved** and is displayed at the National Science Museum of Japan, where it remains to this day. A monument to the dog was also built in his honor and placed alongside his master's grave in Minato, Tokyo.

1. According to the article, where is the bronze statue of Hachiko?
 - a) inside a train station
 - b) outside of Tokyo
 - c) the National Science Museum
 - d) near Shibuya Station

2. The word 'greet' in paragraph 2 could best be replaced with:
 - a) show
 - b) meet
 - c) thank
 - d) bite

3. The word 'faithfully' in paragraph 3 could best be replaced with:
 - a) slowly
 - b) quickly
 - c) angrily
 - d) loyally

4. According to the article, what did Hachiko do after Professor Ueno died?
 - a) he went to Shibuya Station
 - b) he looked for the gardener
 - c) he adopted a new pet
 - d) he inherited a house

5. The word 'adapt' in paragraph 5 could best be replaced with:
 - a) forgive
 - b) get used to
 - c) forget
 - d) get away from

6. The word 'preserved' in paragraph 5 could best be replaced with:
 - a) kept
 - b) buried
 - c) broken
 - d) lost

7. The word 'it' in paragraph 5 refers to:
 - a) Hachiko's body
 - b) the National Science Museum
 - c) Japan
 - d) a monument

8. The word 'his' in paragraph 5 refers to:
 - a) a monument
 - b) the dog
 - c) a master
 - d) a grave

Answers: 1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (a) 7. (a) 8. (b)

