

# Moving to Gilbert, Nevada: The Case of Two Sick Dogs



## **Narrator:**

The Depper's had a home in Chicago, Illinois but had grown tired of the bad weather and the hustle and bustle of this large northern city. Brandon came home one day to let his wife, Sherry and his two kids Chris and Cameran, know that he had the opportunity for a promotion. It would mean a move to the small town of Gilbert, Nevada.

## **Cameran:**

"What about the dogs, Dad?" Do they get to go with us? I'm not leaving without Rip and Taz.

**Sherry (Mom):**

Of course the dogs will go with us wherever we go. They are members of the family and we raised them from pups. We couldn't go anywhere without them.

**Brandon(Dad):**

Gilbert is a small town and we will look for a house with some space and a fenced in yard so that the dogs have a place to play while we are at work and at school. They will probably be happier there than they are here. I think that you kids will enjoy a small town, too.

**Chris:**

I'm ready to go but I'll miss my friends from school and I think that I'll miss the city, too. I won't miss having to walk the dogs on a leash every time they go outside, however.

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The Depper's packed up their belongings and put the dogs in the RV. They traveled southwest to Gilbert, Nevada. Brandon had picked out a home when he had gone to visit the new plant that he would be working for. He was excited about his new job. He would be managing a plastics machining department. By the time the Depper's moved in, it was summer vacation. The kids were enjoying meeting new friends. They were rarely home so the dogs were free to roam in the back yard.

**Sherry (Mom):**

Brandon, I think that we may have a bee problem next door. That house is abandoned and there seems to be a hive on the abandoned property. Those bees swarm like there's no tomorrow.

**Brandon (Dad):**

I'll call the town office and see if I can find out who owns that property so that I can report the problem, tomorrow. We don't want the kids being stung at all. Chris and Cameran have never been stung by a bee before. We wouldn't know if they might have an allergic reaction.

**Chris:**

Hey dad, I think we better check out the plants in the back yard, too. They might be poisonous for dogs and you know how Taz will eat anything.

- *Add a minimum of **two facts** and **two questions** to your Facts and Questions Sheets*
- *Assign roles to each person in your PBL group including a Director, Secretary, Spokesperson and Recorder*
- *Brainstorm facts and questions in your PBL Groups and write them on large poster paper (leave your individual facts and questions sheets at your desk)*



# Sick Dogs

## Part II

**Narrator:**

Brandon's cell phone rang and Sherry's tone started to play. Brandon knew that Sherry rarely called the cell phone unless it was an emergency.

**Brandon (Dad):**

"Hello, Sherry? What is wrong?"

**Sherry (Mom):**

I'm not sure Brandon but Rip and Taz are really sick. I think that I saw a bunch of bees around them but I'm not sure what is going on. Now they are really lethargic and staggering around the back yard.

**Brandon (Dad):**

You better get them over to Dr. Bo quickly. They must have gotten into something in the yard. I thought that I checked the plants closely but I'm not so sure now. There are some types of plants that could kill them so you better take some samples into the Dr.'s office with them. Get Chris to go with you. Is he next door at the Sylvesters?

**Sherry (Mom):**

Yes, he's swimming and I can get him to come home right away. He has the keys to the cars in his pocket anyway. Can we afford to send both dogs to the vet, Brandon?

**Brandon (Dad):** You know what Sherry? I'm going to come home right now. I'm worried about you and the kids. Where is Cameran? Make sure that he isn't out in the yard with Rip and Taz. There may be something in the plants that would be bad to touch. I know that he wouldn't eat them but I don't want to take any chances.

**Narrator:**

Something horrible had happened to the dogs. It was bad enough that the KNXV news broadcast and it even appeared on CNN.

- *Add a minimum of two facts and two Questions to your Question Sheet*
- *Watch the CNN Newscast*
- *Read the **Research Article** and highlight important facts and questions*
- *Add to your Facts Poster in your PBL Group*

## Facts



## Questions



Role Cards

