

Dog Story

An example of the difficulties encountered in verbal communication when precise, unambiguous language is not or cannot be used.



I have a pet at home.



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Oh, what kind of pet?



“It is a dog.”



“It is a dog.”



“What kind of a dog?”



“It is a St. Bernard.”



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“Grown up or a puppy?”



“It is full grown.”



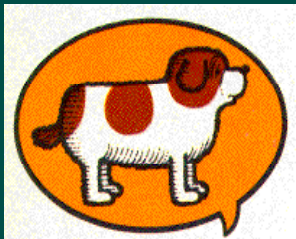
“It is full grown.”



“What color is it?”



“It is brown and white.”



“It is brown and white.”



**“Why didn’t you say
you had a full-grown,
brown and white
St. Bernard as a pet
in the first place?”**



**“Why doesn’t anybody
understand me?”**