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Quick Questions

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Answers

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   Accept: swiftly and suddenly.

2. How long had Dale had Patch?
   Accept: three days.

3. What do you think Dale and Patch did next?
   Accept any reasonable prediction which involves them continuing to play or remaining inside due to the storm. Also accept responses about Dale or Mum acting scared.

4. How does the author show the reader that Patch is not really bothered about the thunderstorm?
   Accept answers which relate to the fact that he only sauntered inside and that he stopped occasionally on the way – he wasn’t hurrying.