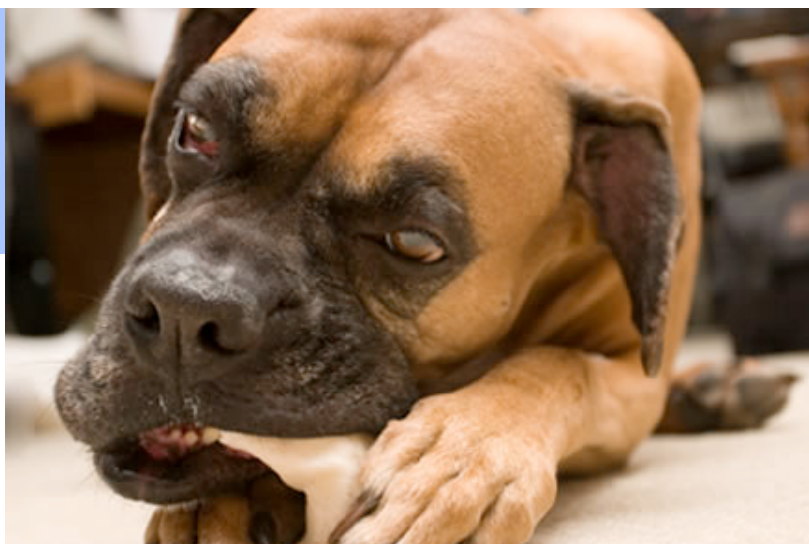


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Discussion: How do you think Jake would answer the questions above?

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