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THE STORY OF GREYFRIARS BOBBY

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In late March, I spent over a week in Edinburgh, participating at an in-service teacher training course within the Erasmus+ teaching staff mobility framework. The Erasmus+ programme for teachers aims to help teachers across Europe to enhance their professional skills. For me, it was an opportunity to improve the language fluency, exchange teaching practices and learn about the new approaches to classroom management. The family I stayed with and the teachers with encyclopedic knowledge, as well as nationally conscious and passionate Scotsmen, provided us with marvelous and detailed descriptions of Scotland and its capital, Edinburgh. See the pictures to have a glimpse into my 'Edinburgh experience'. Knowing the love of animals at our school, I'd like to share the story of *Edinburgh's best friend*. It's a story of *Greyfriars Bobby*, a small *Skye terrier* who *guarded the grave of his owner for 14 years*.



Read the story and complete the gaps with the following words:

belonged, buried, cemetery, conditions, evict, fed, inseparable, master's



'Bobby' was the name of a Skye Terrier, who _____ to John Gray, a night watchman for the Edinburgh Police. They were _____ for two years. However, in February 1858, Gray died of tuberculosis. He was _____ in Greyfriars Kirkyard. Bobby, who survived John Gray by 14 years, is said to have spent the rest of his life on his _____ grave. The gardener and the keeper of Greyfriars tried on many occasions to _____ Bobby, but in the end they took pity on him. He was built a shelter and _____ regularly. Bobby never spent a night away from his master's grave even in the most dismal weather _____. In 1867, The Lord Provost of Edinburgh paid for Bobby's dog licence, making him the responsibility of the City Council. Bobby sadly died in 1872. He could not be buried within the _____ itself, since it was consecrated ground; instead he was buried just inside the gate of Greyfriars Kirkyard, not far from John Gray's grave.

