Working Dogs



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Level 22

Running Words 700 **Text Type** Information Report (Informative)

Curriculum Areas Humanities; Science

Retelling to encourage thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Think and Talk About ...

Fact boxes in the book encourage each student to explore the statements further and to share the information with others.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 How does a farmer give instructions to his or her dogs?
2 Why do search and rescue dogs have to be fit and strong?
3 Why can sled dogs live in cold places?

Inferential

4 Why don't herding dogs hurt other animals?
5 What would a police dog do if a crowd of people began to shout and scream loudly?
6 Why would it take many months to train a guide dog?
7 How does a guide dog know when it is safe to cross a road?
8 Why are the paws of a sled dog protected with special booties?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why would a search and rescue dog have just one trainer?
10 Why would an acting dog be used to advertise goods?

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Dogs at Work

People keep dogs for many different reasons.
Some dogs are kept to do jobs.
These dogs are called working dogs.

Dogs are born with very good **senses**.
They have an excellent sense of smell and good hearing.
Working dogs are taught to use their senses to do their jobs.

Working dogs can be different sizes and different **breeds**,
but they are all smart and keen to work.
They help people in many ways.



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Working dogs help children and adults.

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Farm Dogs

There are different kinds of farm dogs.
Herding dogs are good at herding,
or rounding up, other animals.
Herding dogs are trained to help move sheep, cows
and other animals safely from one place to another.
A herding dog does not hurt the animals.

A herding dog is taught to understand
the farmer's instructions.
The farmer uses words, whistles or hand signals
to tell the dog what to do.



Think and Talk About ...

Some farm dogs even herd ducks and chickens.

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A farm dog herds sheep on a farm.

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A large guard dog keeps watch over farm animals.

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Some farm dogs work as guard dogs.
They are taught to protect
sheep, goats and other animals.
These guard dogs are large and strong
and do not get scared easily.
They protect the animals from **predators**,
such as wild dogs and wolves.

Think and Talk About ...

Guard dogs can work alone, or in pairs or teams.