

WORKING LIKE A DOG!

Have you ever heard someone say, "I've been working like a dog"? People say this when they work really hard.

Some people say this phrase started because sheepdogs guard sheep from dawn until dusk, with only food, a place to sleep and affection as their pay.



Help the sheepdog find all the sheep on this page.

Dogs have been sharing their lives with humans for at least 12,000 years. Since early times, dogs have helped people in many ways.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

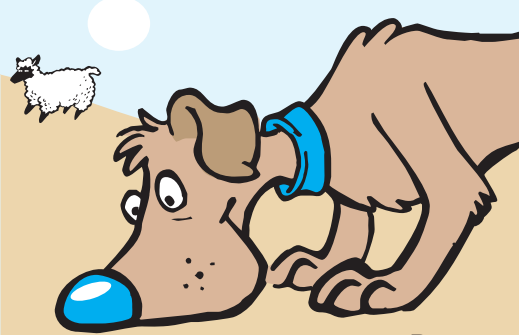
Super Sniffers to the Rescue

Dogs have a better sense of smell than humans. They can detect one drop of blood in five quarts of water!

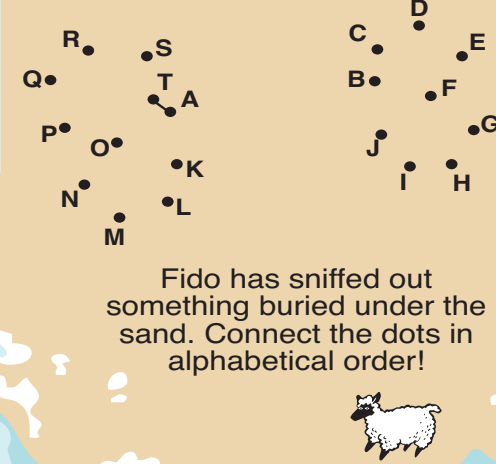
With their ultra-sensitive noses, dogs are masters at finding buried land mines. Mine-sniffing dogs have helped prevent thousands of injuries and deaths in war-torn countries.

Trained sniffers also find people trapped in collapsed buildings and drugs hidden in suitcases. Some dogs have been trained to sniff out termites in buildings.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read grade-level appropriate material.



Fido has sniffed out something buried under the sand. Connect the dots in alphabetical order!



Canine Companions

Dogs who help people in their everyday lives are called **canine companions** and assistance dogs. Some dogs are carefully trained to perform tasks that help the blind, deaf, or physically-impaired.

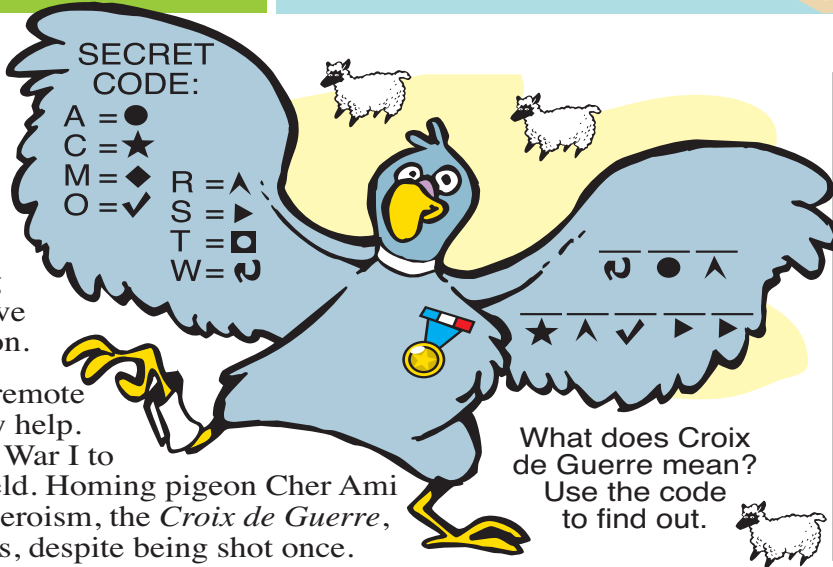
Help Molly (the guide dog) lead Mark safely through the park.



Animal Messengers

Most homing pigeons continually return to their nests. Some people used to put this instinct to use. If they wanted to send a message home when they were traveling, they would write it on lightweight paper, roll it into a tube on a homing pigeon's leg, release the bird and have the message fly home with the pigeon.

Homing pigeons have been used in remote areas to send requests for emergency help. They were used frequently in World War I to send messages from troops in the field. Homing pigeon Cher Ami was awarded the French award for heroism, the *Croix de Guerre*, for delivering 12 important messages, despite being shot once.



SECRET CODE:

A = ●
C = ★
M = ◆
O = √

R = ▲
S = ▼
T = □
W = ○

What does Croix de Guerre mean? Use the code to find out.

Word Pals

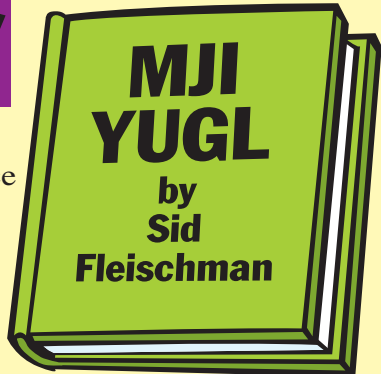
In today's newspaper, find five sentences containing at least one adjective each. Underline each **adjective** in red. Underline the **nouns** described in blue. Use the list of adjectives and nouns you find to write five new sentences.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives and nouns in writing.

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales

at Your Library This Summer!

Twelve-year old Jake is left as an orphan with no inheritance except a dog. Mystery arises right away. Where are the diamonds his dad is accused of stealing? Was that really his dad buried in the Nevada Desert? Jake sets out in search of the answers, aided by his dog's keen nose.



Unscramble the title of this great book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm

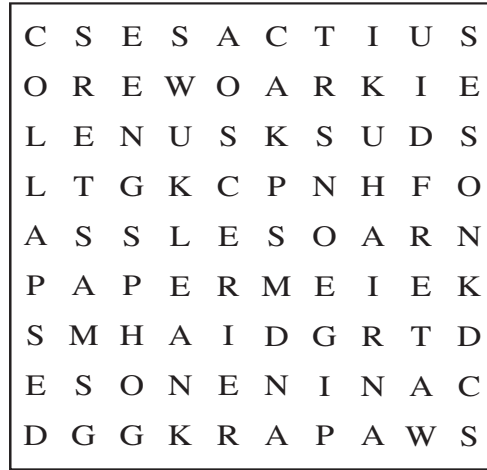
Answers can be found at www.kidscoop.com

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- CANINE
- MASTERS
- SUITCASES
- PIGEONS
- DEAF
- HOMING
- RESCUE
- PAPER
- TASKS
- WATER
- SHEEP
- DUSK
- COLLAPSED
- NOSES
- PARK



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Number Round Up

Look through the newspaper for 10 numbers, cut them out and "herd" them together onto a piece of paper. Round each number to the nearest 10. Next round each number to the nearest 100.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Round off numbers between 10 and 100.



What do you get when you cross a sheepdog with a rose?

ANSWER: A collie-flower.

This Just In!

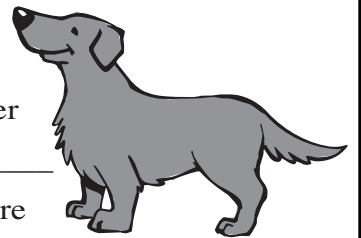
Can you figure out where each of these words go in the article below?

A TRUE STORY!

Bravery Award for Holly

Holly, a specially trained rescue dog, will receive a _____ award for saving victims of the Kashmir earthquake.

Holly and her _____



Neil are on standby 365 days a year so that they can fly anywhere in the world when disaster _____.

In Kashmir, Holly's heightened sense of _____ proved invaluable; she _____ several people who were then hauled alive from _____ buildings.

Holly worked tirelessly without _____ in extremely hot weather.

COLLAPSED COMPLAINT OWNER SMELL LOCATED BRAVERY STRIKES

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

What a Character!™

Courage is ...



... doing the right thing even when it is hard.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CANINE**

The noun **canine** means a member of the dog family.

Bosco is a lovable **canine** but he doesn't like our neighbor's cat.

Try to use the word **canine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Write On!

Puppy Tales

Tell a tale about a puppy. Be sure to tell details like the puppy's name, where it lives, what it looks like and what it does. You can start your tale with "Once upon a time ..."



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