

Newspaper

Red, Level 5, 150L

Text Type: Report

Summary: This article from a town newspaper gives information about some of the ways dogs help people.

Themes/Ideas: learn about ways dogs can help people who are sick or need help to do things; understand how dogs can help rescue people when they are in trouble

Text Features: masthead, headline, photos

High-Frequency Words:

- *are, dog, have, helps, is, some, this, who*

Vocabulary:

- **assistance dog:** a dog trained to help a person with a disability to do the things the person can't do
- **guide dog:** a dog trained to lead or guide someone who can't see well
- **job:** a task, work
- **pet:** a tame animal kept for friendship or fun
- **search and rescue dog:** a dog trained to find and rescue people who are lost in the wild or in a disaster area
- **therapy dog:** a dog trained to give comfort and help to people who are unwell

Dogs in Our Town



Focus Question: How can dogs living in a town help people?

PREPARE & READ

- Discuss the difference between local and national newspapers/news.
- Discuss how dogs are sometimes used to help people.
- Ask students to read the card.

READ CLOSELY

Key Ideas and Details

Look at the introduction to the article. Which sentence explains what the rest of the article will be about? ①

Photos and Text

Look at the photo on the left side of page 1. You can see all of the dog but only the legs of the person holding the dog's harness. The author uses the text to tell you about the person and their relationship with the dog. What do you know about the person? ②

Make Predictions

Look at the photo and text on the right side of page 1. What do you think might have happened before the photo was taken? What might the person and the dog be doing? ③

... I think there was a disaster of some kind. It might have been an earthquake or something like that. A building looks like it has fallen down. Maybe some people are trapped underneath all the bricks and wood. The person and dog are trying to find them.

Make Inferences

The photo at the top of page 2 shows someone in a bed. Read the text again. Where might the photo have been taken? ④

Photos and Text

Look at the dog at the bottom left of page 2. Which sentence in the text matches what is happening in the photo? ⑤

Key Ideas and Details

The dogs in the article are all introduced in a similar way. Look at the sentences about each of the dogs. Describe these sentences, using one of the dogs as an example. What is different about the last dog? ②-⑥

... For each dog, the first sentence introduces the dog by name: "This is Max." The second sentence says what type of dog it is: "Max is a guide dog." The remaining sentences say what the dog does: "Max helps his owner who can't see. He shows her where to walk." The last dog is Sandy. Sandy is different because he is the author's dog. He doesn't have a job.

The Local News

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Dogs in Our Town

by Dan Patel

There are many dogs in our town. Some dogs have jobs!



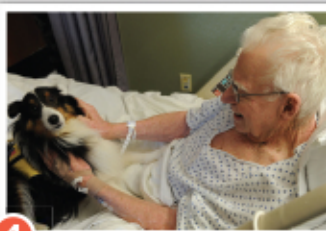
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This is Max. He is a guide dog. Max helps his owner who can't see. He shows her where to walk.



3

This is Darcy. He is a search and rescue dog. Darcy finds people who are lost or hurt. He smells and listens for them.



4

This is Jump. She is a therapy dog. Jump visits sick people. They pat her and it helps them feel better.



5

This is Lucy. She is an assistance dog. Lucy can pick things up. She opens doors with a rope.

Some dogs are pets. They don't have jobs. This is my dog Sandy. He plays with me. He makes me happy. I look after him.



Our town has lots of dogs, but Sandy is my favourite.

DISCUSS

These questions can be used for paired discussion. Ask students to use the text to support their reasoning. Then ask them to share their conclusions with the group.

- Can you think of other jobs that dogs do in the city? (*police dog, guard dog, tracking dog*) What do they do in their jobs?
- This article discussed some of the dogs in a town and the jobs they did. Were there any jobs that you hadn't heard of before? What did you learn from the article?
- Imagine a newspaper article about dogs in country areas, that is, not in a town. The article might be called "Dogs on the Land". What kinds of jobs might the dogs have in this article?

WRITE

Have students choose either one of the following options for writing, or do both.

- Make a table with three columns. Label the columns "Name", "Job" and "What They Do". Add the first dog in the article to the table. It should look like this:

Dog	Job	What the dog does
Max	guide dog	helps someone who can't see

- Now add the other 4 dogs in the article to the table. Can you think of other dogs with jobs? You can add those, too. **(Information/Explanation)**
- The author's favourite dog is Sandy. They make each other happy. Which dog in the article is your favourite? Write two sentences about why you like that dog? **(Opinion)**