

Target Vocabulary

lying

loyal

partners

shift

quiver

patrol

ability

snap

Animal Helpers

People and animals have lived and worked together for thousands of years. Animals can be loyal partners. They have abilities that can help people in many ways.

Dogs can be trained to watch sheep. They make sure nothing hurts them and that none get lost. A guard dog might snap and bark at a person who tries to break into a home.



A cute rabbit at an animal petting zoo can make a child smile when it quivers its nose.

Birds can be trained to speak, or join miners on a dangerous shift underground. Some birds are even used by hunters for catching prey.



Horses help on farms and can be ridden just for fun. They are used by police in some places to patrol large crowds or parks.



A cat lying around a home can bring joy to its owner, even if it doesn't catch any mice.

These are just a few of the many animals that live, work and play with people. Animals can be great helpers and friends.

Discussion Question

1. Name one way an animal can help people.

Grammar: Pronoun-Verb Agreement

Verbs tell us what happens. In the present, we add -s or -es to the verb when the subject is a pronoun he, she or it.

For verbs that end in -s, -sh, -ch or -x, we add -es.

For verbs ending in consonant -y, change the y to i and add -es.

The verb doesn't change when the subject is I, you, we or they.

Look at the verbs in the boxes below. Add -s or -es to each.

run	watch	cry	use	go
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bark	wash	catch	sleep	fly
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Complete the sentences using the verbs above.

1. My dog ----- loudly every morning.

2. The cat ----- mice for dinner.

Then it -----.

3. He ----- his hands before he eats.

4. An eagle ----- its claws to catch fish.

It ----- high in the sky, then dives down to the water.

5. She ----- TV before she ----- to sleep.

6. The baby ----- when it is hungry.



Fluency and Phonics: R Controlled Vowels ar / or

Read the silly sentence.

Then draw it.



The artist rode a horse north in a storm.

Highlight the vowel + r in each word below.

horse	mark	storm	market
acorn	artist	March	north
barking	stork	thorn	forest

Look and write.



Spring



Your Turn:

Use the words to write sentences. Then, draw pictures.

1. barking -----

2. acorn -----

3. forest -----

Dog Helpers

Dogs help people in many ways. What do they do?

Look at the list of dogs. Complete the sentences.

Sheep Dogs	Sled Dogs	Guard Dogs
Seeing Eye Dogs	Comfort Dogs	Pet Dogs
Rescue Dogs	Police Dogs	Hunting Dogs

1. _____ help police catch criminals.

2. _____ help people who can't see well.

3. _____ keep watch and keep people safe.

4. _____ help find people who are hurt or missing.

5. _____ help people who are sick or sad.

6. _____ play with their owners.

7. _____ pull sleds over snow and ice.

8. _____ make sure no sheep gets lost or hurt.

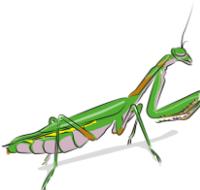
9. _____ help hunters find what they are looking for.



Pets

Look at the list of pets below. Write each under its picture.

beetle	bird	fish	frog
hamster	lizard	mouse	praying mantis
snake	spider	turtle	-----

		
1. -----	2. -----	3. -----
		
4. -----	5. -----	6. -----
		
7. -----	8. -----	9. -----
		
10. -----	11. -----	12. -----

Do you have a pet? -----

Writing: Look at the pets. Answer the questions.

1. What does a bird do?



2. What does a frog do?



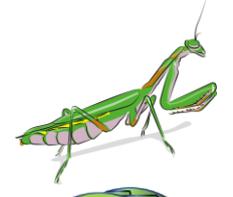
3. What does a lizard do?



4. What does a fish do?



5. What does a praying mantis do?



6. What does a hamster do?



Your Turn: Write about one of the pets from page six.

What can they do? Describe how they look or what they have.



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