

# Rainbow Readers

## Title: The Amazing Dog

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

exterminate	territory	pack	alerted	cooperate
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1. The members of a wolf pack are usually related to each other.
2. The smell of smoke alerted us to the fire.
3. They hired a company to exterminate the cockroaches in the building.
4. We can get more work done in less time if we cooperate.
5. My dog doesn't like to see other dogs around his territory.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Dogs have about five million "smell cells." T / F
2. People's eyes have more cones than dogs' eyes do. T / F
3. A sigh may mean that a dog is happy. T / F
4. Dogs push their ears back when they are sad. T / F
5. Pointer dogs show hunters where to go. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. A (wet / dry) nose helps a dog smell better.
2. Some dogs can find cancer by (sight / smell).
3. Dogs with (pointed / floppy) ears can hear better.
4. (Dalmatians / St. Bernards) often have bad hearing.
5. When a dog is being bad, you should (ignore / point at) it.

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Humans may have first become friends with wolves by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. petting them
- b. breeding them
- c. feeding them
- d. training them

2. How do dogs tell one dog from another?

- a. By how their noses look
- b. By the shape of their ears
- c. By their body language
- d. By their barks

3. Which is NOT true about dogs' eyes?

- a. They see motion well.
- b. They see well at night.
- c. They reflect light brightly.
- d. They cannot see colors.

4. To make a dog stop barking, you should \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. give it a treat
- b. yell at it to stop
- c. roll it onto its back
- d. look where it is looking

5. Dogs often howl when they feel \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. hungry
- b. alone
- c. angry
- d. excited

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

navigate	litters	bred	submission	disaster
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Thousands of years ago, humans and some wolves began living near each other. Those wolves evolved into dogs. People bred dogs that were smaller and friendlier than wolves and that could work. Today's dogs have a very sharp sense of smell. This makes them helpful in finding victims of disaster, harmful insects, and more. Dogs have better hearing than humans, too, though pointy-eared dogs hear better than ones with floppy ears. Their hearing helps them navigate. Their eyes are great at seeing things in motion and in the dark. However, they do not see color as well as people do. Dogs communicate with humans and each other through sound and body language. They also use scent to send messages to other dogs. We know a lot about dog behavior. For example, they eat fast to protect their food. And they show submission by rolling onto their backs. Most female dogs can give birth to two litters a year. Dogs come in many shapes, colors, and sizes. They are amazing animals.