

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

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 _____ 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 _____, 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 _____. 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 _____ by rolling onto their backs. Most female dogs can give birth to two _____ a year. Dogs come in many shapes, colors, and sizes. They are amazing animals.