

Name _____

allowed

care

excited

needs

roam

safe

wandered

wild

Choose the word that makes sense in each blank. Then write the word on the line.

1. An animal living in the _____ **wild** _____ is different than a pet.
2. Dogs are not _____ **allowed** _____ in the park.
3. A cat that has _____ **wandered** _____ from its yard might get lost.
4. The girl takes good _____ **care** _____ of her pet hamster.
5. The children were _____ **excited** _____ about getting a new pet.
6. A pet's _____ **needs** _____ include water, food, and exercise.
7. Our cat keeps her kittens _____ **safe** _____ from danger.
8. Pets live with people, but animals in the jungle _____ **roam** _____ free.

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The letter **a** can stand for the short **a** sound you hear in **can**.
The long **a** sound you hear in **cane** can be spelled **a_e**.

A. Circle one short *a* word and one long *a* word in each sentence. Write each word in the correct list below.

1. The ducks **swam** in the **lake**.
2. We **wave** to the **man** on the bus.

short *a*long *a*3. swam5. lake4. man6. wave

The ending **-ing** can be added to a verb to show that an action is happening right now. The ending **-ed** can be added to a verb to show action that has already happened.

B. Add *-ed* and *-ing* to the end of each word. Write the two new words.

7. fix fixed fixing8. pack packed packing9. play played playing10. lock locked locking

Name _____

Read the passage. Ask and answer questions as you read to check your understanding.

A Fire Dog

Wilshire is a fire dog. He lives in the city. When
11 Wilshire first came to the fire station, he was just three
22 months old. He lived at the fire station day and night.
33 Fifty firefighters lived and worked there, too. They took
42 care of Wilshire. They fed the young dog. They gave
52 him water to drink.

56 The firefighters hired a dog trainer. The trainer gave
65 Wilshire lessons. He helped Wilshire learn to live in the
75 fire station. He showed Wilshire where he could go. He
85 showed Wilshire where he was not allowed to go.

94 Then it was time for exercise. Wilshire didn't even
103 have to go outside. He was trained to run on a treadmill
115 inside the station.

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Fire dogs like Wilshire are often a breed called Dalmatians.

118 Soon Wilshire became close pals with one firefighter.
126 Now Wilshire and the firefighter spend a shift at the
136 fire station together. Then the firefighter takes Wilshire
144 home. This gives Wilshire a break from the busy station.
154 He also has fun meeting and playing with other dogs.

164 Wilshire got even more training. Now he can do fire
174 safety tricks. He visits schools and shows children how
183 to “Stop, Drop, and Roll.” All that work keeps Wilshire
193 very busy!

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. How did the firefighters take care of Wilshire?

They fed him, gave him water to drink, and got a dog trainer**to train him.**

2. Why did the firefighter take Wilshire home?

It gave Wilshire a break from the fire station. It gave him a chance to**play with other dogs.**

3. What does a Dalmatian look like?

It is a big white dog with black spots.**B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to how your voice rises and falls as you speak naturally. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.**

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	

Name _____

Read the selection. Complete the Key Details chart.

Detail	Detail	Detail

Name _____

A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you think about how to use sequence words.

Draft Model

Here’s how to give a dog a bath. Fill the tub with warm water. Get the dog in the tub and wash her with soap. Rinse her with plenty of fresh water. Dry the dog with a towel.

1. To give a dog a bath, what do you do first?
2. What do you do next? Then what?
3. What is the last thing you do?

B. Now revise the draft by adding sequence words such as *first*, *next*, *then*, and *last* to help readers understand the order of ideas.

Answers will vary but should demonstrate correct placement of

sequence words: *first*, *next*, *then*, *last*.

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The Foster Pet

Amy's family has a foster pet. They feed and play with Rocky and take him to the vet. They train him to follow commands. When Rocky gets bigger, another family will give him a lasting home.



Amy trains Rocky to walk on a leash.

Answer the questions about the selection.

1. How can you tell this text is a nonfiction narrative?

It tells about real people and events. It is told by a narrator. It has a photo and a caption.

2. What is one way that Amy trains Rocky? How did you find this information?

Amy trains Rocky to walk on a leash. This information is in the photo caption.

3. What does the text help you learn about a foster pet?

One family takes care of a foster pet until another family can give it a lasting home.

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To figure out a new word, separate the **root word** from the ending. The endings *-s*, *-es*, and *-ing* mean the action is happening now. The ending *-ed* means the action happened in the past.

Read each sentence. Look at each underlined word. Draw a line between the root word and the ending. Then write the meaning of the word.

1. He lives in the city.

has a home

2. Fifty firefighters lived and worked there, too.

did jobs

3. He helped Wilshire learn to live in the fire station.

made it easier to do something

4. Then the firefighter takes Wilshire home.

brings with him

5. He also has fun meeting and playing with other dogs.

getting together

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Reread “A Fire Dog.” Think about how the author used key details. Use the words and photo to complete the sentences.

Possible responses provided.

1. This selection is about **Wilshire, a fire dog** _____

2. The author includes details about **where Wilshire lives, how the firefighters take care of him, and how he is trained** _____

3. The photo shows **what a Dalmatian looks like** _____

4. The details and picture help me understand **what a fire dog looks like and what it does** _____
