

Tuesday

1. Is the passage fiction or nonfiction? _____
2. How do you know? _____
3. Make a prediction before reading the passage.

4. Read the passage.
5. What is the Author's Purpose for writing this passage? (Persuade, Inform, Entertain)

6. How do you know? Use evidence from the text.

Wednesday

1. Reread the passage out loud to an adult.
2. What questions do you have about this passage? (Do not write "None.")

3. Make a text-to-self connection to the passage.

Thursday

1. Reread the passage silently in your mind.
2. Write down one word from the passage that you didn't know, or that you found interesting. _____
3. What is the definition of that word?

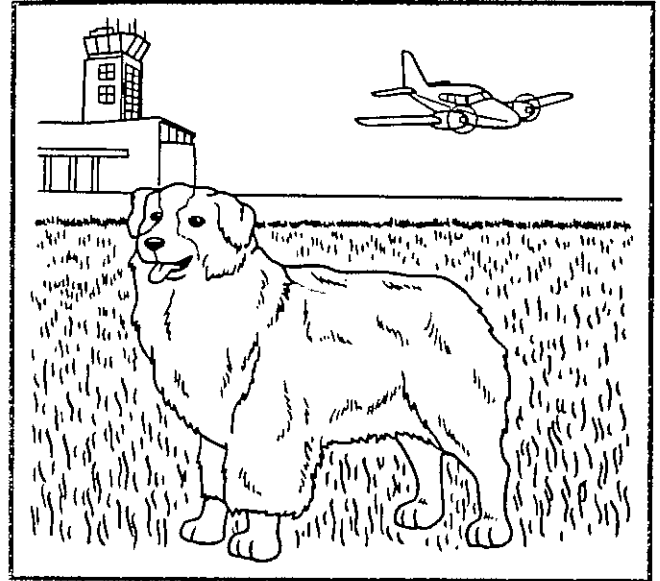
4. What text features were part of this passage?

5. How did the text features help you to better understand the text?

6. Answer the comprehension questions that go with the text.

Jet's Job

Jet was a border collie. Border collies are a breed of working dogs. The breed was developed to help herd sheep. Jet worked, but he did not herd sheep. Jet worked at an airport. He worked ninety minutes every morning. He worked ninety minutes every evening. Jet's work was very important. His work helped save the airport a lot of money. It helped stop planes from becoming damaged. It helped save lives. What was Jet's job?



Jet worked at an airport in Florida. The airport was close to swamps, marshes, and parks. The swamps, marshes, and parks were home to many large birds. In addition, thousands of migrating birds stopped at these places to rest. Often, the birds would wander or land on airport land. Their numbers were greatest in the cooler mornings and evenings when they were hunting for food.

The birds were at risk when they were on the runways. Planes were not safe either. Birds could be sucked into engines. They could damage plane parts. Jet was hired to clear the birds from the runways.

Jet was trained with a shepherd's whistle. Different whistles meant different commands. Some whistles commanded Jet to clear certain runways. One whistle commanded Jet to drop to the ground. This whistle was given when an airplane skimmed low overhead.

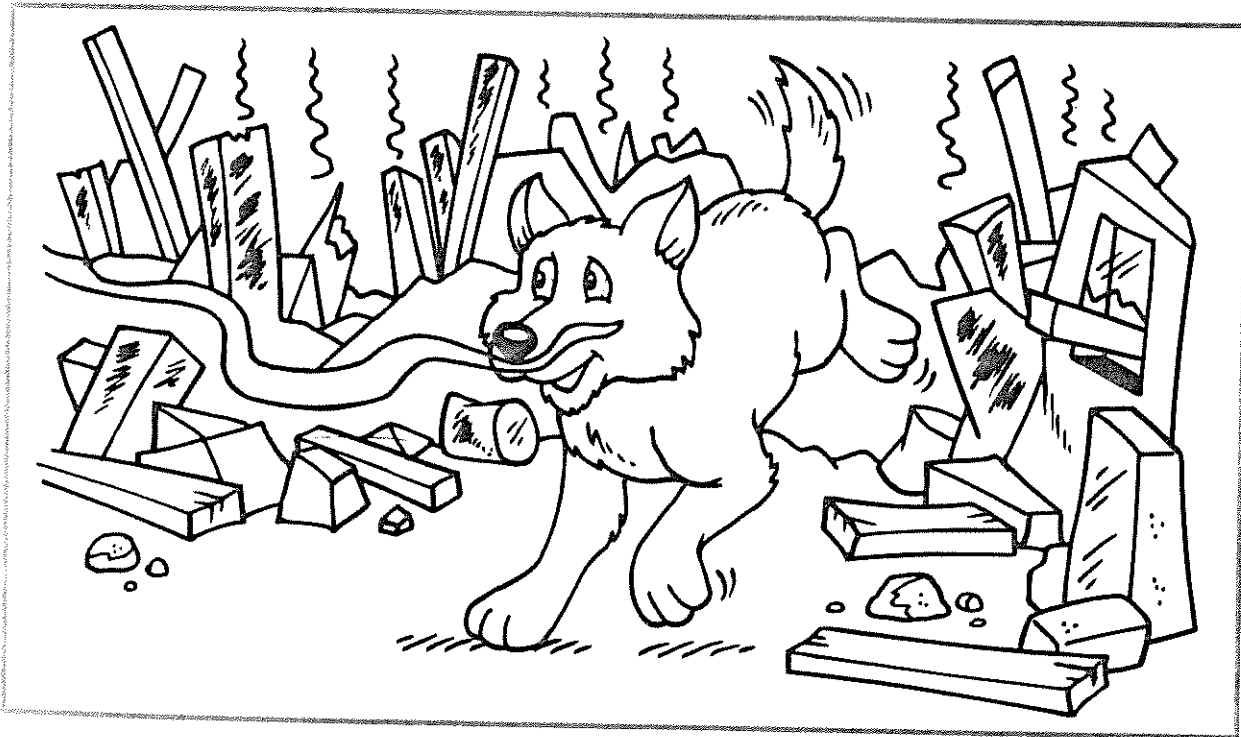
Who the Fire Investigator Called

The fire is out. There is nothing left but a mess of soaked ashes, pieces of blackened walls, and scraps of charred floor. The fire investigator comes. The investigator thinks the fire was set on purpose. He thinks it was arson. Arson is a crime. How can the investigator know if the fire was set on purpose? How can he tell if the fire was an act of arson?

The fire investigator calls me! My name is Toby. I am a dog. I have been trained to detect certain smells. The smells belong to certain chemicals and substances. The chemicals and substances are used to start fires. Arsonists think these chemicals will burn up in the fire. What they don't know is that tiny traces remain. I can smell even the tiniest trace.

When I smell something, I bark. I alert the investigator. The investigator takes a small piece of what I am barking at to the lab. He tests it. If he finds the chemicals, he can tell the police, "I think the fire was arson."

One time, an old building caught on fire. I was called in. I got right to work. I detected gasoline. Where was the gasoline? It was on the building owner's feet! The owner had used gasoline to set his old building on fire.



Show What You Know

Answer the questions on "Jet's Job" and "Who the Fire Investigator Called."
You may look back at what you have read if you need to.

1. Jet worked

- (A) at the airport for ninety minutes every week.
- (B) in the swamps, marshes, and parks of Florida.
- (C) close to the ground when the birds were migrating.
- (D) at the times when the number of birds was the greatest.

2. A trace is

- (A) a lot.
- (B) a smell.
- (C) a tiny bit.
- (D) a chemical.

3. What do both stories have in common?

- (A) dogs and birds
- (B) dogs with jobs
- (C) how dogs smell
- (D) how dogs are trained

4. By knowing different whistles, Jet

- (A) could detect even tiny birds.
- (B) could protect the airport from arson.
- (C) could clear birds from a soon-to-be used runway.
- (D) could herd the birds into a marsh off airport land.

5. A fiction story is made up. It is not true. You can tell the story about

- (A) Toby is fiction because dogs cannot tell stories.
- (B) Jet is fiction because dogs have not been bred to herd sheep.
- (C) Toby is fiction because dogs are not used to investigate fires.
- (D) Jet is fiction because migrating birds do not land on airport runways.