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## **Level 2**

### **Abandoned puppy gets job at baseball club**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160517-puppy-2.html>

An abandoned puppy has a new home and a new job. The 7-week-old puppy was left at a baseball stadium in Georgia, USA last week. Someone found it crying in the parking lot. It had no name tag, collar or microchip. The team put a message on its website about the dog, but the owner did not come forward. The team's president, Jared Orton, adopted the puppy and named her Daisy. The lucky pup also has a new job. She is the team's official 'bat dog'. A bat dog takes baseball bats to players, collects balls on the baseball field and pleases the crowd.

Mr Orton said Daisy looked very tired and a little lost. She was also hungry and dehydrated when he took her to the vet, but "was in pretty good health". He told reporters that she might be a little too small to hold a bat in her mouth. He said: "We aren't sure how big she'll get, so it's hard to say if she'll be able to pick up a bat." He added that she will be a regular at the ballpark and will be popular with fans. She will also greet visitors every day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding Daisy was fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog as part of our staff."

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/early-lead/wp/2016/05/12/a-ridiculously-cute-puppy-found-outside-a-stadium-has-been-adopted-by-the-team/>  
<http://www.sportingnews.com/mlb/news/savannah-bananas-bat-dog-daisy-photos-video-gif/qumummnzrngv1df2yf3epj8>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The 7-week-            | a. forward            |
| 2. parking                | b. on its website     |
| 3. The team put a message | c. the crowd          |
| 4. the owner did not come | d. old puppy          |
| 5. named                  | e. has a new job      |
| 6. The lucky pup also     | f. the baseball field |
| 7. collects balls on      | g. lot                |
| 8. pleases                | h. her Daisy          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. She was also hungry   | a. good health       |
| 2. in pretty             | b. to be             |
| 3. she might be a little | c. at the ballpark   |
| 4. We aren't sure how    | d. too small         |
| 5. she will be a regular | e. part of our staff |
| 6. She will also greet   | f. and dehydrated    |
| 7. It was just meant     | g. visitors          |
| 8. have a team dog as    | h. big she'll get    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Orton said Daisy looked very tired (7) \_\_\_\_\_. She was also hungry and dehydrated when he took her to the vet, but "was in (8) \_\_\_\_\_". He told reporters that she might be a little too small to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ her mouth. He said: "We aren't sure how big she'll get, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ if she'll be able to pick up a bat." He added that she will be a regular at the ballpark and will be popular with fans. She will also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding Daisy was fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PUPPIES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160517-puppy-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about puppies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

