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Abandoned puppy gets job at baseball club

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THE ARTICLE

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An abandoned puppy has been given a new home and a new job. The 7-week-old pup was left at the stadium of the Savannah Bananas baseball team in Georgia, USA last week. It was found crying in the parking lot. It had no name tag, collar, microchip, or anything else to identify it. The team posted a message on its website about the dog, but the owner did not come forward. The president of the team, Jared Orton, decided he would adopt the puppy and named her Daisy. The lucky pup also has a new job. She is now the team's official 'bat dog'. The job of a bat dog is to take baseball bats to players, collect balls on the baseball field and please the crowd.

Mr Orton spoke about meeting Daisy for the first time. She looked very tired and a little lost. Orton said: "We took Daisy to the vet and aside from being hungry and dehydrated, she was in pretty good health." He told reporters that although she has the job of bat dog, 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 or just coach first base." He added that she will become a regular feature at the ballpark and will be very popular with fans. She will also greet visitors every day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding Daisy was her fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog as part of our staff."

Sources: <http://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/georgia-baseball-team-adopts-puppy-abandoned-stadium-bat/story?id=39091699>
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WARM-UPS

1. PUPPIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about puppies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

abandoned / puppy / stadium / baseball / stadium / identify / president / crowd / tired meeting / list / vet / hungry / dehydrated / good health / coach / regular / ballpark

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. WORKING: Students A **strongly** believe animals should not be made to work; Students B **strongly** believe it's OK if they work. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DOG JOBS: What jobs can dogs do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What they do	How important this is and why
Rescue		
Blind people		
Security		
Drugs		
Terrorism		
Hunting		

5. STADIUM: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "stadium". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PETS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- dog
- fish
- tortoise
- cat
- rabbit
- horse
- parrot
- spider

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The abandoned puppy was just 7 months old. **T / F**
- b. The name of the baseball club is the Savannah Bananas. **T / F**
- c. The puppy was micro-chipped. **T / F**
- d. The puppy now has a job as a guard dog at the baseball park. **T / F**
- e. The puppy was in good health when she visited the vet. **T / F**
- f. The puppy can already hold two baseball bats in its mouth. **T / F**
- g. The puppy will greet visitors at the baseball team's office. **T / F**
- h. The team president said it was fate that the puppy is with the team. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. left | a. workers |
| 2. found | b. memo |
| 3. message | c. certain |
| 4. named | d. attraction |
| 5. crowd | e. called |
| 6. sure | f. discovered |
| 7. feature | g. destiny |
| 8. popular | h. spectators |
| 9. fate | i. abandoned |
| 10. staff | j. well liked |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. An abandoned puppy has been | a. dehydrated |
| 2. in the parking | b. come forward |
| 3. posted a message | c. crowd |
| 4. the owner did not | d. good health |
| 5. please the | e. our staff |
| 6. hungry and | f. given a new home |
| 7. she was in pretty | g. every day |
| 8. she will become a regular | h. lot |
| 9. She will also greet visitors | i. on its website |
| 10. part of | j. feature |

GAP FILL

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

An abandoned puppy has been (1) _____ a new home and a new job. The 7-week-old pup was left at the (2) _____ of the Savannah Bananas baseball team in Georgia, USA last week. It was found crying in the parking (3) _____. It had no name tag, collar, microchip, or anything else to identify it. The team (4) _____ a message on its website about the dog, but the owner did not come forward. The president of the team, Jared Orton, decided he would (5) _____ the puppy and named her Daisy. The (6) _____ pup also has a new job. She is now the team's (7) _____ 'bat dog'. The job of a bat dog is to take baseball bats to players, (8) _____ balls on the baseball field and please the crowd.

official
stadium
given
posted
collect
lucky
lot
adopt

Mr Orton spoke about meeting Daisy for the first (9) _____. She looked very tired and a little lost. Orton said: "We took Daisy to the (10) _____ and aside from being (11) _____ and dehydrated, she was in pretty good health." He told reporters that although she has the job of bat dog, she might be a (12) _____ too small to hold a bat in her mouth. He said: "We aren't sure how big she'll get, so it's (13) _____ to say if she'll be able to pick up a bat or just coach first base." He added that she will become a (14) _____ feature at the ballpark and will be very popular with fans. She will also greet (15) _____ every day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding Daisy was her fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog as (16) _____ of our staff."

hard
vet
little
regular
time
part
hungry
visitors

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An abandoned puppy has been given a new home and _____
 - a. a news job
 - b. the new job
 - c. a new jobs
 - d. a new job
- 2) It had no name tag, collar, microchip, or anything _____ it
 - a. else to identity
 - b. else too identify
 - c. else too identity
 - d. else to identify
- 3) The team posted a message on its website about the dog, but the owner did _____
 - a. not come forward
 - b. not come forwards
 - c. not coming forward
 - d. knot come forward
- 4) The president of the team, Jared Orton, decided he would _____
 - a. adapt the puppy
 - b. adopt the puppy
 - c. adept the puppy
 - d. add opt the puppy
- 5) take baseball bats to players, collect balls on the baseball field and _____
 - a. pleases the crowd
 - b. please a crowd
 - c. please the crowd
 - d. please the crowds
- 6) He told reporters that although she has _____ dog
 - a. the job of pat
 - b. the job of bat
 - c. the job of that
 - d. the job of mat
- 7) it's hard to say if she'll be able to pick up a bat or just _____
 - a. coach's first base
 - b. coach fast base
 - c. coach first base
 - d. coach thirst base
- 8) He added that she will become a regular feature at the ballpark and will be very _____
 - a. popular within fans
 - b. popularity with fans
 - c. popular with fan
 - d. popular with fans
- 9) She will also greet visitors every day at the _____
 - a. team's offices
 - b. team's office
 - c. teams offices
 - d. team offices
- 10) It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog as _____
 - a. part for our staff
 - b. part of our stuff
 - c. part of our staff
 - d. part off our staff

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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An abandoned puppy (1) _____ a new home and a new job. The 7-week-old pup was left (2) _____ of the Savannah Bananas baseball team in Georgia, USA last week. It was found crying in the parking lot. It had no name tag, collar, microchip, or anything (3) _____ it. The team posted (4) _____ its website about the dog, but the owner did not come forward. The president of the team, Jared Orton, decided he would adopt the puppy (5) _____ Daisy. The lucky pup also has a new job. She is now the team's official 'bat dog'. The job of a bat dog is to take baseball bats to players, collect balls on the baseball field and (6) _____.

Mr Orton spoke about meeting Daisy (7) _____. She looked very tired and a little lost. Orton said: "We took Daisy to the vet (8) _____ being hungry and dehydrated, she was in pretty good health." He told reporters (9) _____ has the job of bat dog, 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 (10) _____ a bat or just coach first base." He added that she will become a regular feature at the ballpark and will be (11) _____ fans. She will also greet visitors every day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding Daisy was her fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How old was the puppy when it was found?
2. In which U.S. state was the puppy found?
3. Who is Jared Orton?
4. What is the puppy's name?
5. What might the puppy have to take to players?
6. Where did Mr Orton take the puppy?
7. Why might the puppy not be able to do one of her jobs?
8. Where will the puppy become a regular feature?
9. Where will the puppy greet visitors every day?
10. What did Mr Orton say was fate?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How old was the puppy when it was found
 - a) 8 weeks old
 - b) 5 weeks old
 - c) 6 weeks old
 - d) 7 weeks old
- 2) In which U.S. state was the puppy found?
 - a) Oregon
 - b) Georgia
 - c) Texas
 - d) Maine
- 3) Who is Jared Orton?
 - a) the puppy's first owner
 - b) a vet
 - c) the baseball team's president
 - d) a reporter
- 4) What is the puppy's name?
 - a) Daisy
 - b) Dozy
 - c) Dizzy
 - d) Dancer
- 5) What might the puppy have to take to players?
 - a) instructions
 - b) baseball caps
 - c) baseball bats
 - d) their lunch
- 6) Where did Mr Orton take the puppy?
 - a) New York
 - b) the vet
 - c) the beach
 - d) a baseball game
- 7) Why might the puppy not be able to do one of her jobs?
 - a) she cannot speak English
 - b) animal rights
 - c) U.S. laws
 - d) she might be too small
- 8) Where will the puppy become a regular feature?
 - a) at the ballpark
 - b) in a newspaper
 - c) a vet
 - d) a home for abandoned dogs
- 9) Where will the puppy greet visitors every day?
 - a) at its home
 - b) in a shopping mall
 - c) the baseball team's office
 - d) first base
- 10) What did Mr Orton say was fate?
 - a) winning a game
 - b) finding the puppy
 - c) being dehydrated
 - d) liking baseball

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Dog

You think a dog is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a fish, a horse or a spider.

Role B – Fish

You think a fish is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a dog, a horse or a spider.

Role C – Horse

You think a horse is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a fish, a dog or a spider.

Role D – Spider

You think a spider is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a fish, a horse or a dog.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'bat' and 'dog'.

bat	dog
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• given• crying• message• named• lucky• please	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lost• aside• pretty• mouth• regular• staff
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PUPPIES SURVEY

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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.

PUPPIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'puppy'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. Do you like happy stories like this?
5. Why do people abandon pets?
6. Why should all dogs be micro-chipped?
7. What do you think of puppies?
8. Are puppies cuter than kittens?
9. How lucky is the puppy?
10. How good do you think Daisy will be at pleasing the crowd?

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PUPPIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What should happen to people who abandon pets?
13. How important is the job of a vet?
14. What do you think of baseball?
15. What kind of life do you think Daisy will have?
16. Should more people adopt abandoned pets?
17. Why do sports teams have mascots?
18. Do you believe in fate?
19. Should dogs be used to deliver bats and greet people?
20. What questions would you like to ask the baseball team owner?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) gave | (b) giving | (c) given | (d) gives |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) as | (c) to | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) found | (b) find | (c) fund | (d) fend |
| 4. | (a) or | (b) but | (c) so | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) so | (b) but | (c) that | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) by | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) tried | (b) tread | (c) tired | (d) tardy |
| 8. | (a) beautiful | (b) lovely | (c) cute | (d) pretty |
| 9. | (a) little | (b) tiny | (c) small | (d) miniature |
| 10. | (a) difficulty | (b) hard | (c) soft | (d) stone |
| 11. | (a) often | (b) regular | (c) frequently | (d) always |
| 12. | (a) meanie | (b) mean | (c) meant | (d) meaning |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the timsuda of the Savannah Bananas
2. anything else to eytidifn it
3. The team posted a esgmeas on its website
4. She is now the team's cfioiafl 'bat dog'
5. lItcceo balls on the baseball field
6. please the wdocr

Paragraph 2

7. being hungry and ytdrhdeeda
8. she was in rpytte good health
9. cahoc first base
10. she will become a regular raeefut
11. She will also greet iosvsitr every day
12. part of our tffsa

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () on its website about the dog, but the owner did not come forward. The president of the
- () up a bat or just coach first base." He added that she will become a regular feature at the ballpark and will be very
- () team, Jared Orton, decided he would adopt the puppy and named her Daisy. The lucky pup also has a new
- () 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
- () popular with fans. She will also greet visitors every day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding
- () lot. It had no name tag, collar, microchip, or anything else to identify it. The team posted a message
- () of the Savannah Bananas baseball team in Georgia, USA last week. It was found crying in the parking
- () lost. Orton said: "We took Daisy to the vet and aside from being hungry and dehydrated, she was in pretty good
- () Daisy was her fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog as part of our staff."
- (**1**) An abandoned puppy has been given a new home and a new job. The 7-week-old pup was left at the stadium
- () Mr Orton spoke about meeting Daisy for the first time. She looked very tired and a little
- () bats to players, collect balls on the baseball field and please the crowd.
- () job. She is now the team's official 'bat dog'. The job of a bat dog is to take baseball
- () health." He told reporters that although she has the job of bat dog, she might be a little too small to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. abandoned a puppy new has home been An given .
2. was pup old - week - 7 The stadium the at left .
3. would puppy her he the named decided adopt and Orton .
4. dog' 'bat official team's the now is She .
5. field the balls baseball please Collect the and crowd on .
6. for time spoke Daisy first Orton meeting the Mr about .
7. able if hard a to she'll to bat pick be say It's up .
8. will at become the a ballpark regular She feature .
9. at the team's office She will also greet visitors every day .
10. dog of We'd team part staff a as our have .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An abandoned puppy has been *giving / given* a new home and a new job. The 7-week-old pup was *left / leaving* at the stadium of the Savannah Bananas baseball team in Georgia, USA last week. It was found *cried / crying* in the parking lot. It had no name tag, collar, microchip, *and / or* anything else to *identify / identity* it. The team posted a message on its website *around / about* the dog, but the owner did not come *backward / forward*. The president of the team, Jared Orton, decided he would *opt / adopt* the puppy and named her Daisy. The lucky pup also has a new job. She is now the team's official 'bat dog'. The job *of / at* a bat dog is to take baseball bats to players, collect balls on the baseball field and please the *crowd / crowded*.

Mr Orton *spoke / speak* about meeting Daisy for the *first / fast* time. She looked very tired and a *little / lot* lost. Orton said: "We took Daisy to the vet and *beside / aside* from being hungry and dehydrated, she was in *petty / pretty* good health." He told reporters that although she has the job of bat dog, she might be a little too small to *held / hold* a bat in her mouth. He said: "We aren't sure how big she'll get, so it's hard *to / at* say if she'll be able to pick up a bat or just coach first base." He added that she will become a regular *future / feature* at the ballpark and will be very popular with fans. She will also *greet / great* visitors every day at the team's office. Mr Orton said finding Daisy was her fate. He said: "It was just meant to be that we'd have a team dog as part *for / of* our staff."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **puppies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Animals should never be made to work. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about puppies. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ABANDONED PETS: Make a poster about abandoned pets. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORKING ANIMALS: Write a magazine article about whether animals should work or not. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on abandoned pets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do with owners who abandon pets. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. left | a. abandoned |
| 2. found | b. discovered |
| 3. message | c. memo |
| 4. named | d. called |
| 5. crowd | e. spectators |
| 6. sure | f. certain |
| 7. feature | g. attraction |
| 8. popular | h. well liked |
| 9. fate | i. destiny |
| 10. staff | j. workers |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Seven weeks old
2. Georgia
3. President of the baseball team
4. Daisy
5. Baseball bats
6. To the vet
7. She might be too small
8. At the ballpark
9. At the team's office
10. Finding Daisy

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)