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Dogs may be self-aware

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness-4.html>

Scientists in Hungary conducted a study to find out if dogs have self-awareness and a sense of body awareness. A researcher explained: "Self-awareness is a rather poorly investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental capacity to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their own body exists." He put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position.

The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. A toy was attached to a mat and each dog had to give the toy to its owner. The dog would not be able to take the toy to its owner unless it got off the mat. Many of the dogs worked this out. The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the ability to hold information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit object, in relation to other objects in the world".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Scientists in Hungary conducted | a. capacity |
| 2. find out if dogs have | b. in situations |
| 3. a rather poorly investigated | c. aware |
| 4. dog | d. consideration |
| 5. a mental | e. a study |
| 6. by taking in | f. cognition |
| 7. He put dogs | g. self-awareness |
| 8. make them | h. area |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The scientists conducted | a. this out |
| 2. A toy was attached | b. toy to its owner |
| 3. each dog had to give the | c. body in mind |
| 4. unless it got off | d. other objects |
| 5. Many of the dogs worked | e. the mat |
| 6. showed a sense of body | f. tests |
| 7. hold information about one's own | g. awareness |
| 8. in relation to | h. to a mat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists in Hungary (1) _____ to find out if dogs have self-awareness and (2) _____ body awareness. A researcher explained: "Self-awareness is (3) _____ investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is (4) _____ to organize someone's (5) _____ in consideration their own body exists." He put dogs in situations that would (6) _____ of their body position.

The scientists (7) _____ 54 dogs. A toy was attached to a mat and each dog had to give the toy (8) _____. The dog would not be able to take the toy to its owner (9) _____ off the mat. Many of the dogs worked this out. The researchers said (10) _____ sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the (11) _____ information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit object, in relation (12) _____ in the world".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SELF-AWARENESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about self-awareness 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) _____

