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Level 4 – 11th March, 2021

'Miracle' puppy born with six legs

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

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THE READING

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There is a lot of bad news today, but a heart-warming story comes from the USA. A puppy was born with severe abnormalities. Doctors are hopeful that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy was one of nine puppies. Eight were "normal" but Skipper was born with six legs and two tails. These are her most visible abnormalities. She also has two pelvises and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that all her organs are working "just fine".

Vets called Skipper's survival a "miracle". They wrote that: "She has survived longer than we suspect any other canine has....with her combination of congenital conditions." They added: "We think that she may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right now and thriving." Skipper has her own Facebook page. It says she is at the correct weight for her age and that she is following a path to a happy and healthy life.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. There is a lot of bad | a. and two tails |
| 2. a heart-warming story comes | b. hopeful |
| 3. A puppy was born with severe | c. from the USA |
| 4. Doctors are | d. "just fine" |
| 5. she will live a | e. pelvises |
| 6. Skipper was born with six legs | f. news today |
| 7. She also has two | g. healthy life |
| 8. all her organs are working | h. abnormalities |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Vets called Skipper's survival | a. weight for her age |
| 2. She has survived | b. a path |
| 3. congenital | c. and healthy life |
| 4. she may have some | d. conditions |
| 5. she is determined | e. longer |
| 6. It says she is at the correct | f. a "miracle" |
| 7. she is following | g. right now |
| 8. a happy | h. things to overcome |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a lot of (1) _____, but a heart-warming story comes from the USA. A puppy was (2) _____ abnormalities. Doctors (3) _____ she will live (4) _____. Skipper the puppy was one of nine puppies. Eight were "normal" but Skipper was born with six legs (5) _____. These are her most visible abnormalities. She also has two pelvises and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that all her organs are (6) _____.

Vets called Skipper's (7) _____. They wrote that: "She has survived longer (8) _____ any other canine has....with (9) _____ congenital conditions." They added: "We think that she may have some (10) _____, but she is determined right (11) _____." Skipper has her own Facebook page. It says she is at the correct weight for her age and that she is (12) _____ to a happy and healthy life.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

