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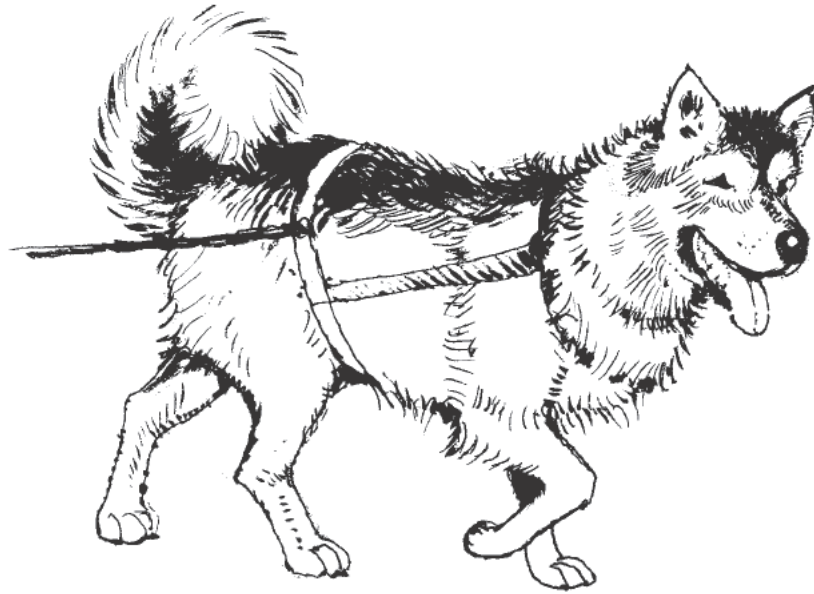
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3-4

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Teacher's Copy

All about Dogs



Spelling

Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

Teacher's Copy

All about Dogs

Domestic dogs are part of the same _____ *family* _____ as wolves, jackals and foxes. Dogs were first _____ *kept* _____ as pets around 14,000 years ago.

Characteristics and behaviour

The dog has a small head and _____ *pointed* _____ muzzle, but the shape of the head _____ *varies* _____ greatly in _____ *different* _____ breeds. Dogs can be easily trained because of their intelligence.

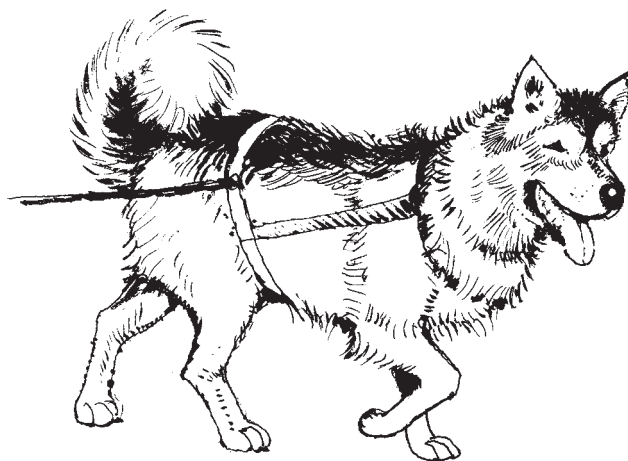
Some dogs may be fierce or _____ *rough* _____ unless they are well trained. Like wolves, dogs defend a territory against other dogs. There are also similarities in their aggressive behaviour, the care of their _____ *young* _____ and the way they bury food.

Wild dogs

Some wild dogs are solitary, but others hunt in groups. Jackals scavenge for food that other animals have left _____ *uneaten* _____, and the raccoon dog from east Asia eats plants and meat.

Uses of dogs

Dogs are _____ *valuable* _____ as sheepdogs as they can keep the flock together. In the Arctic regions, dogs are used for _____ *dragging* _____ vehicles through the snow. A dog's sense of smell is better than its _____ *sight* _____. They can use their sense of smell to track criminals and detect drugs. Dogs can also be used as guards for the _____ *protection* _____ of buildings.



History

Archaeological _____ *evidence* _____ shows that dogs were probably domesticated from wolves many centuries ago. Ancient monuments in Egypt were carved with figures of dogs. The Egyptians worshipped a star they named the 'Dog Star'. They had advance _____ *knowledge* _____ that the Nile would flood because they saw this star _____ *appear* _____.

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