Have you ever heard someone say, “I’ve been working like a dog”? People say this when they work really hard.

Some people say this phrase started because sheepdogs work guarding sheep from dawn until dusk and their only pay is food, a place to sleep and affection.

Dogs have been sharing their lives with humans for at least 12,000 years. Since early times, dogs helped people in many ways.

Help the sheepdog find all the sheep on these pages.

Help Molly (the guide dog) lead Mark safely through the park.

**Canine Companions**
Dogs who help people in their everyday lives are called canine companions and assistance dogs. Some dogs are carefully trained to perform tasks to help the blind, deaf, or mobility-impaired people.
**Super Sniffers to the Rescue**

Dogs have a better sense of smell than humans. They can detect one drop of blood in five quarts of water!

With their ultra-sensitive noses, dogs are masters at finding buried land mines. Mine-sniffing dogs have helped prevent thousands of injuries and deaths in war-torn countries.

Trained sniffers also find people trapped in collapsed buildings and drugs hidden in suitcases. Some dogs have been trained to sniff out termites in buildings.

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**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Students read grade-level appropriate material.

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Fido has sniffed out something buried under the sand. Connect the dots in alphabetical order!

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**Fire Dogs**

Spotted Dalmatian dogs are mascots for fire departments. Long ago, these dogs helped fire fighters get to fires quickly and safely.

Before cars and trucks, fire fighters rushed to fires in horse-drawn carriages. Since Dalmatians get along well with horses, they were trained to run in front of horses to help clear the path, chase away other dogs and to get to fires as quickly as possible.
A TRUE STORY!
Bravery Award for Holly

Holly, a specially trained rescue dog received a ____________ award for saving victims of the Kashmir earthquake.

Holly and her ________ Neil are on standby 365 days a year so that they can fly anywhere in the world when disaster _________.

In Kashmir, Holly’s heightened sense of __________ proved invaluable; she ________ several people who were then hauled alive from _______________ buildings. Holly worked tirelessly without ____________ in extremely hot weather.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

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Word Pals

Find, in today’s newspaper, five sentences containing at least one adjective each. Underline the adjective in red. Underline the noun it describes in blue. Use this list of adjectives and nouns to write five new sentences.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Identify nouns and adjectives.
Dogs can detect land mines buried underground.

The verb detect means to learn the existence or presence of something.

Try to use the word detect in a sentence today when talking with friends and family.

A numeronym is a word that has a number in it. For example, K-9 is a numeronym. Say the letter and the number and you will hear that it sounds the same as the word canine.

Here are some more examples of numeronyms. Can you figure out what word each is?

- sk8r
- 3D
- 24/7
- Cre8
- 4est
- 2th

What do you get when you cross a sheepdog with a rose?

A collie flower

ANSWER: skater
Tell a tale about a puppy. Be sure to tell details like the puppy’s name, where it lives, what it looks like and what it does. You can start you tale with “Once upon a time …”

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Dog Vacation Destination

Look through the newspaper for ideal destinations a dog would love. Using words and pictures from the newspaper, create a poster or brochure describing this place and its daily activities. Use your imagination!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.
Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally. Then see how many of these words you can find in today’s newspaper.

COMPANIONS
Dalmatian
Termites
Mascots
Trained
Canine
Detect
Horses
Sniff
Noses
Tasks
FIRE
DOGS
Cars
Run