

# Let's Read...to a Dog!

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A dog with a basket of books.  
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Dogs are great listeners. Listening is an important skill for a reader dog. What's a reader dog? Let's find out.

A reader dog is a dog that listens and helps kids with their reading at schools and libraries. Scientists have learned that dogs can help kids who struggle with reading to feel calm. Feeling calm helps kids read words correctly. That makes it easier for them to learn from what they are reading. Kids also know that dogs won't judge their reading. So, kids feel better about their reading when they read to a dog.

To become a reader dog, a dog has to go through many steps with

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its owner. The dog has to learn to obey basic commands. For instance, the dog needs to sit, stay, and lie down when they're told. Also, the dog's owner has to pass some tests. The owner and dog need to work together as a team.

Want to read to a dog but don't have one of your own? You can sign up to read to a dog online! Now more kids than ever can improve their reading-and have fun-by reading to a dog.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is a reader dog?

- A. a dog that has learned how to read
- B. a dog that listens and helps kids with their reading
- C. a dog in a book or movie that knows how to read

2. How does the author describe the way that reader dogs make kids feel?

- A. worried
- B. sad
- C. calm

3. Read these sentences from the passage.

"Kids also know that dogs won't judge their reading. So, kids feel better about their reading when they read to a dog."

Based on this, what is one important thing that reader dogs do?

- A. They make kids feel better about their reading.
- B. They help kids sound out words they don't know.
- C. They bark whenever kids say a word wrong.

4. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. A dog must pass some tests if they want to become a reader dog.
- B. Reader dogs help kids with their reading through their good listening skills.
- C. Kids usually feel worse about their reading when they read to a reader dog.

5. What does a dog have to learn to become a reader dog?

A dog has to learn \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What did you learn from "Let's Read...to a Dog?"

7. Class Discussion Question: How is reading to a reader dog different from reading to a person?

8. Draw a kid reading to a reader dog.