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# TEACH A DOG!

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# STRATEGIES & SKILLS

## Comprehension

**Strategy:** Visualize

**Skill:** Sequence

## Phonics

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## Vocabulary

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signal, woman, would,  
write

## Content Standards

### Social Studies

Economics

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## Essential Question

How do people work with animals?

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# CHAPTER 1

## You Can Teach a Dog!



Dogs love to play.



Dogs make great pets! They are fun to play with, and they like to be around people.

To keep dogs happy and safe, dog owners should teach their dogs how to **behave**. Would you like to be a dog teacher? It can be hard work, but it's fun!



How do you get a dog to follow your rules? Offer food treats.

When the dog behaves, give it a small treat as a **reward**. Then **praise** the dog. Say, "Good dog!"

Pet the dog to show your love. The dog will love you back!



If you're a good teacher, a dog will follow the rules.



This dog is learning how to sit.

**“Sit! Stay! Come!”**

These are the key words you should teach a dog.

Teach a dog to sit first. To start, push the dog’s back end down gently. In a strong voice, say, **“Sit!”**

If the dog stands up, repeat the **“Sit!”** command. If the dog sits, give her a treat.

The second command to teach is "Stay." Ask the dog to sit. Then put out your hand and say, "Stay!"

Next, walk a few steps away. If the dog stays, go back and give her a treat. But if she gets up, start again.

After you teach the dog how to stay, **train** her to come to you. In a happy voice, say, "Come!" If the dog comes, give her a treat for being so clever.

This dog is learning to stay and come.



# A Dog Can Teach You!



This dog is shy or scared.

This dog is begging.



A dog can't talk, of course. So he will give a signal.

If a dog's paw is out, he's begging for something. Over time, you will learn to figure out what he wants.

What if the dog's tail is down? It might be a sign that he's sad.



This dog is showing love.



This dog wants to play.



If a dog is wagging his tail, he's happy. If his front is down and his rear is up, he wants to play. This pose is called the *play bow*.

What if he rolls onto his back? He's saying, "You're the boss. Please rub my tummy!"

# CHAPTER 3

## Walk and Run with a Dog

This dog is learning to use a leash.



Dogs love to go for walks! A walk a day will keep your dog fit. Walks are good for you too!

Before a walk, have the dog sit. Then clip a leash to the dog's collar. When you're ready, say, "Okay!"

Walk slowly, and don't pull on the leash. But do keep the dog near you at all times.

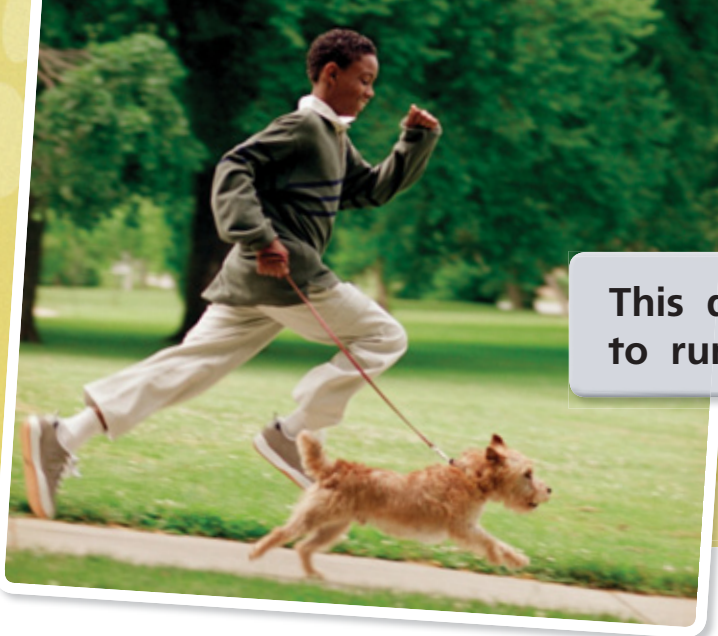
Sometimes a dog will pull too hard on the leash. She might have found something she wants to sniff!

If the dog pulls on the leash, stop walking. Show the dog that you're the boss! When she settles down, you can start walking again.

**This dog is pulling.**







This dog likes to run.

You can run with a dog too. To be safe, use a longer leash if you're taking a dog for a run.

Some dogs like to run far, but others can't run far at all. Watch for signals that the dog is tired. She might pant hard or slow down. Then you and the dog should take a break!

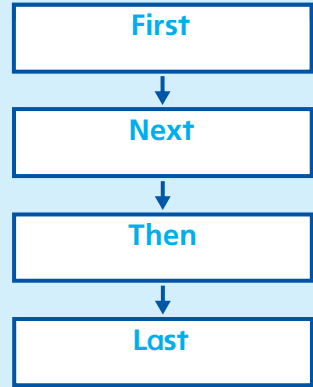
Now you know how to teach a dog. Maybe you could write a book about it!



# Respond to Reading

## Retell

Use the chart to help you retell *Teach a Dog!*



## Text Evidence

1. What can you teach a dog after it learns to sit? **Sequence**
2. What is the first thing to do before you walk a dog? **Sequence**
3. What genre is *Teach a Dog!*? How do you know? **Genre**



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Compare Texts

Read about how animals work with people.

# Working with Dolphins





**Dolphins can understand commands.**

Did you know that dolphins are good helpers? They are very smart animals, and they like working with people. People like working with dolphins too!

Dolphins can help children who are sick, hurt, or have special needs. Trainers, like the woman in the photo, teach dolphins what to do. A trained dolphin knows how to swim safely with children. Dolphins like kids!





Dolphins eat a lot of fish.

Dolphins can do more than just swim. They can also do tricks! Watching dolphins do tricks can make people feel happy.

Trainers teach dolphins how to do tricks. A dolphin can stand on its tail and jump through hoops. What a great show!



### Make Connections

Look at both stories. How do people train animals? **Text to Text**



# Glossary

**behave** (*bee-HAYV*) act in the right way (*page 2*)

**command** (*kuh-MAND*) an order (*page 4*)

**praise** (*PRAYZ*) say good words about (*page 3*)

**reward** (*ree-WAWRD*) something given for a good act or action (*page 3*)

**train** (*TRAYN*) teach (*page 5*)

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# Focus on Social Studies

**Purpose** To find out which pet classmates like the most

## What to Do

**Step 1** Take a survey. Find out what kind of pets your classmates like.

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**Step 2** Tally the answers, and then make a bar graph.

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**Step 3** Share the graph and discuss the results with the class.

# Thinkmark

## Author's Purpose

What is the author's purpose in writing *Teach a Dog!?*

## Text Structure

How does the author organize information in *Teach a Dog!?*

What are some words the author uses to show steps in a process?

## Make Connections

What kind of pet would you like to have? How would you train it?