

A. Read and answer

My name is Mr MacMun. Some time ago I adopted a hairy grey dog. Her name was Cindy. She lived in a shelter until I brought her home. I wanted to teach her to be a *hearing ear dog*. These dogs alert their owners to certain sounds the people can't hear because they are deaf.

When Cindy entered the *hearing ear dog training program*, a veterinarian checked her ears. This was the most important part of the examination. Cindy's ears were in perfect health. But she had to pass one more test before we accepted her in the program. Mrs Allen, the program director, had to check Cindy's capacity to learn. She gave Cindy a few basic lessons in obedience to see how the dog responded. Cindy wanted to learn, so she passed the test.

Now Cindy is a *hearing ear dog*. She must decide what to do when she hears a noise and help her owner. That's the most difficult thing to learn. Cindy learnt very quickly and the trainers and I were proud of her.



1. Why did Mr MacMun adopt Cindy?
2. What do hearing ear dogs do?
3. How did Mrs Allen evaluate Cindy?
4. Now Cindy decides what to do when she hears a noise. TRUE FALSE
5. Cindy wasn't a good pupil. TRUE FALSE

B. Read and complete with words from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word

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I'm Bill. I'm 12. Cindy lives with me now. She came home a year (1) _____.
She helps me every day. I can't hear, (2) _____ she must tell me when there is a
sound. My alarm clock goes off at 7.00 in the morning. Cindy hears it, jumps onto my bed
and wakes me up. Then she sits at the bedroom door and waits for me (3) _____ she
knows she cannot stay on my bed.

I love Cindy. She's my (4) _____ friend now. She sometimes smells a little, (5) _____
she is funny and very helpful. I'd like to hear her bark someday.



C. Read and circle the correct verb

Yesterday Mr MacMun came to visit Bill and Cindy. They (1) **SIT / SAT** in the garden and had
tea together. Mr MacMun played with Cindy and gave her a few orders. He wanted to see how
she answered. Mr MacMun (2) **MUST CHECK / IS CHECKING** on Cindy every month and then tell
Mrs Allen about her.

Today, Mr MacMun (3) **TALKS / IS TALKING** to Mrs Allen about another dog. He found it near
his house a few days ago and wants (4) **TRAIN / TO TRAIN** it. He (5) **BRINGS / IS GOING TO
BRING** it to the shelter tomorrow.

D. Bill is chatting through the internet with a friend about Cindy. Complete their conversation with the bubbles below. Remember there is an extra bubble.

Did they train her

What does she look like

Where does she sleep

Who gave it to you

Do you understand her

When did he give her to you

Bill: Hello Paul! I've got a new dog! Her name's Cindy.

Paul: Really? (1) _____ ?

Bill: She's grey and hairy. She's got small ears and a short tail. She's adorable!

Paul: Sounds nice! (2) _____ ?

Bill: A friend of mine did. He works at a training school for dogs.

Paul: (3) _____ ?

Bill: A few months ago. She's amazing!

Paul: (4) _____ ?

Bill: Next to my bed. She knows she mustn't get onto my bed!

Paul: (5) _____ ?

Bill: Of course! She does different things to tell me what is happening. She is very intelligent!



E. Match

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| 1. Who's your best friend? | A. Because she helps me a lot. |
| 2. Why do you like her? | B. Sure! Look. |
| 3. Is she bigger than a bull dog? | C. A lot! She's always hungry. |
| 4. How much does she eat? | D. Cindy. |
| 5. Can I see her? | E. No, she's smaller. |