

Hey! What's up?

I know, I usually write my blog on Monday and it's already Thursday! Sorry, this is a very busy week. And this weekend there's a charity bake-off at the community centre. I've got a new recipe for chocolate orange biscuits. They're delicious!

We're doing the bake-off to collect money for a school in Africa. If you live in Offenburg, Germany (and I know some of you do), then please come and buy some of my biscuits!



Or why not bake biscuits from one of your own recipes and bring them to sell? We can share biscuit recipes!

I hope to see you there!

Finn





Reporter: I'm at Santa Paula Animal Rescue Centre in Los Angeles where something very special is happening. Good morning, Derek. Can you tell us about what you do?

Derek: Hi, yes. Thousands of abandoned dogs come to our centre every year. Lots of them are lonely and unhappy. Dogs really like kids, so twice a week we invite volunteers from the local school to come and spend time with the dogs.

Reporter: Do they walk the dogs?

Derek: No, they read to them. Dogs like the sound of human voices and the kids can practise their reading skills too. One girl likes to read aloud her Maths homework, it helps the dogs to sleep!

Reporter: Well, thanks Derek. What an amazing idea!



1.40 **Riley's letter**



Dear Granny,

I hope you're well. Thanks very much for my birthday card and present last week. You're the best granny in the world! I love Jacqueline Wilson's books. She's my favourite author and I can't wait to read this!

Granny, can you help us? My class are doing a sponsored silence next week. We're asking people to give money for every hour that we spend without saying a word. We want to give the money to a centre for deaf people. They use it to buy hearing aids. We're learning about what it's like to be deaf, it can be scary!

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This is how it works: we're not allowed to talk all day. If we want to say anything, we have to write it down or use sign language. My friend Troy's mum is deaf and she's coming to teach us some sign language.

Can you help?

Love,
Riley

After you read

Answer the questions.

Interactive Answer key

1 When does Finn usually write his blog?

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2 Where is the bake-off happening?

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3 Where is the Santa Paula Animal Rescue Centre?

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4 How often do the kids read to the dogs?

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5 Who is Riley's favourite author?

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6 Who is teaching Riley's class sign language?

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