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Read the text about "Did you know" and the texts (1-5). Then, do the 2 activities on the right.



DID YOU KNOW?

Search-and-rescue dogs either track smells on the ground or in the air. One search-and-rescue dog can do the work of about 30 human searchers!



- 1 The situation was serious. A skier was under the snow, buried by an **avalanche**, but nobody knew exactly where. A blizzard was making it difficult to see and time was running out. Andrew Hennigh and his dog, Tremper, were searching the mountain when Tremper suddenly stopped. He started **digging** and three metres under the snow, he found the man – alive.
- 2 Tremper is not an ordinary dog. He is a member of the Mount Rose Avalanche Dogs Search and Rescue team in the USA and he trains daily to save people's lives. At the ski resort, it is Andrew's job to make sure conditions for skiers and snowboarders are safe. But when an avalanche happens, Tremper knows what to do.
- 3 A dog's sense of smell is 40 times stronger than a person's. They can recognize a human **scent** in the air, even half a kilometre away! That's why they are so good at finding people after **disasters** like avalanches.
- 4 Tremper began training to become a search-and-rescue dog when he was only seven weeks old. To introduce him to the snowy, icy conditions, Andrew skied down mountains with the puppy inside his jacket. Later, when Tremper was learning how to search, Andrew hid things under the snow for him to find.
- 5 Now Tremper **patrols** the ski slopes with his owner. While Andrew skis, Tremper runs between his legs to protect himself from other skiers. Sometimes he rides in the chairlift! Even when he is having fun, though, he is always ready for action. An avalanche could happen at any time.
- 6 'He's a hero,' says Andrew, of the dog who is not just his work partner, but his best friend. At the end of a busy day, Tremper gets his favourite **reward** – a game with Andrew.

2. Why was a man under three metres of snow and why was he alive? _____

3. Why isn't Tremper an ordinary dog? _____

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Read the texts and provide information about the prompts below:

1. After the avalanche ... _____

2. Every day, Tremper ..., so at the ski resort _____

3. Dogs are ... _____

4. When he was young, Tremper ... _____

5. Now, Tremper ... _____

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Read the texts and answer the questions

1. Why are dogs better than 30 human searchers? _____

4. How can you train these dogs to be rescue dogs? _____

5. Why is it a busy day for them? _____

Grammar

1 Use the example below to write sentences in Past Continuous

he / ski / run

Was he skiing? No, he wasn't. He was running.

1. they / swim in the sea / swim in a pool

2. she / get up / sleep

3. they / dance / play computer games

4. it / lie on the bed / lie on the sofa

5. you / watch TV / listen to music

6. he / shop / go to the gym

2 Read the e-mail and fill in the gaps with the verb in brackets in the right form

Hi Emma,

Something really strange _____ (happen) to me today. I _____ (walk) home from school and suddenly lots of fish _____ (start) falling out of the sky. I _____ (not/can) believe it!. It _____ (rain) fish!. Where _____ (they/come) from?. I _____ (go) home and told my mum and brother, but they _____ (say) that I _____ (not/tell) the truth. However, that evening my mum and dad _____ (watch) the news when they _____ (hear) the story. They could check I _____ (not/lie).

Tom

3 Classify the following adverbs according to the spelling

noisy bad easy hard careful good

regular (-ly)	regular (-ily)	irregular
	noisily	

4 Choose the right option: adjective or adverb

1. The roads are icy. Drive **careful** / **carefully**!

2. Take your umbrella. It's raining **hard** / **hardly**.

3. There's a storm. Come inside **quick** / **quickly**!

4. The sun was shining very **bright** / **brightly**.

5. It's snowing! Dress **warm** / **warmly**!

6. When it's foggy you want drivers to see you **easy** / **easily**. Wear bright clothes!