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Last night, police arrested two men when they were robbing a house on the Peak. Dylan, the family dog, raised the alarm and today his owners, the Anderson family, are calling him 'a hero'.

The burglars broke into the house at about 10 p.m. They tied up Mr and Mrs Anderson and their sixteen-year-old son Peter. They then locked the family in the storeroom with Dylan, the family's much-loved pet. The family could not move but Dylan escaped through a small window. He ran to the nearest house and started barking loudly at the front door. The owner of the house, Mr Wu, could not make the dog stop. Dylan then grabbed Mr Wu's sleeve and started pulling him next door.



The Andersons' house on the Peak

As Mr Wu got closer, he could hear the Andersons. 'They were shouting for help,' he said. 'I went home immediately and called the police.' The burglars were stealing jewellery in an upstairs bedroom when three policemen arrived. One burglar jumped from the window but hurt his leg as he hit the ground. He tried to run. A policeman chased and caught him easily. The other burglar shot at the police but fortunately he missed. Dylan jumped on him and knocked him to the ground. The police freed the family and took the burglars to the police station.



Hero Dylan and his tasty reward

Peter Anderson said, 'Dylan has always been part of our family. Tonight he was a hero.' Dylan had nothing to say. He was too busy eating a nice juicy steak – a reward from his grateful family.

Date: _____

**B** Read the news report again and write 1–8 to order the events.

Event	Order
The police untied the Andersons.	
Dylan took Mr Wu next door and he heard the family's shouts.	
One burglar jumped from a window but a policeman caught him.	
The burglars broke into the Andersons' house.	
Mr Wu telephoned the police and then the police arrived.	
Dylan escaped and ran to a neighbour's house.	
The police took the burglars away.	
The burglars tied up the family and put them in the storeroom with Dylan.	

**C** Write short answers.

- Find a word in the news report which means 'something nice that you get because you did something good'. _____
- Why do the Anderson family call Dylan a hero?

- ★ 3 How can you describe Dylan? Why?

**D** Blacken ● the circles.

- Which sentence is true?
☐ A. Dylan stopped barking when he saw Mr Wu.
☐ B. Mr Wu saw the burglars and then called the police.
☐ C. Dylan caught one of the burglars.
☐ D. The burglary took place on the Peak, in the morning.

- ★ 2 Which is the best title for this news story?

- ☐ A. Burglars steal jewellery from the Peak
☐ B. Police catch robbers – thanks to family pet
☐ C. Amazing pets
☐ D. Robbers shoot at police



The title should be about the whole news report.