5.5 Reading

Twelve-year-old Jasmine and her best friend are always together. Her best friend isn't a girl or a boy. He's a very special dog, called Sweep.

Jasmine is an ordinary girl but she's got a problem – she can't hear. Think about it. She can't hear people, she can't hear music or the TV. She can't even hear cars in the street. It is sometimes very dangerous for her. But Jasmine is OK, because she's got Sweep, and Sweep is her ears! Sweep is a special 'hearing dog'. He can help Jasmine a lot. These days Jasmine can meet all her friends and hang out with them after school. Her parents can relax because Sweep is with her and she's safe.



1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

1 

You can see people with your e _ _s.

2 

You can hear music with your e_ _s.

3 

You can smell flowers with your n_ _ e.

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

friends hands hear ~~Look~~

[1] *Look* at these women. They can't [2] _____, but they can make words with their [3] _____. It's a special sign language. They can use it to speak to their [4] _____ and family.



3 Read the text and choose the best title. Circle the correct answer.

a A dog helps a girl called Jasmine.
b A girl called Jasmine helps her pet dog.
c A dog called Sweep has got a problem.

4 Read the text again. Circle the correct answer.

1 Sweep is a boy / (a dog).
2 Jasmine / Sweep can't hear.
3 Jasmine has got one friend / lots of friends.
4 Jasmine can / can't visit people.
5 Jasmine's mum and dad are / aren't always with her.

5 Read the text again. Match 1–6 to a–f.

1 [b] Jasmine has
2 [ ] Sweep is Jasmine's
3 [ ] Sweep can
4 [ ] Jasmine's best friend
5 [ ] Jasmine's parents
6 [ ] Jasmine is safe

a help Jasmine.
b got a problem.
c are happy.
d with Sweep.
e ears.
f is a dog.

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