

Read the text below. For questions 22—26 choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

LAMPO

At the main station of Campiglia Marittima stands a memorial to “the traveling dog” called Lampo, beloved by every trainman in Italy. Born in the United States and taken to Italy in 1953 as a puppy by American sailors, Lampo was no stranger to Italian television. And just about every newspaper published an article about the little dog who had the most unusual hobby. If you want to know all the details, you should read a book written by Lampo’s owner, Elvio Barlettani, the assistant station master.

“What Lampo did”, says Barlettani “was to live a life different from that of other dogs. Lampo liked travelling in trains — and because he got to know their schedules and could distinguish the slow trains from the expresses, he managed to go somewhere by train every day. But he always made sure he would not go beyond a certain spot on the map, so as to catch the proper connection which would take him back to Campiglia Marittima before dawn”.



Lampo, whose name in Italian means “flash of lightning”, made over 3,000 trips. When he made his first long journey, all the way to Rome, Barlettani got a call from the stationmaster there, asking whether they should put the dog on the proper train for home. Barlettani said no, let the dog find his own way back. Sure enough, late that evening, Lampo jumped off the Rome-Turin express at the Campiglia Marittima station.

After that, there was no stopping for the travelling dog. His fame spread. Platform workers everywhere would affectionately tie all kinds of railway ticket stubs to his collar to indicate where he had been. Some of the staff even stuck imitation tickets on his tail with the words, “Free pass for Lampo”, and anybody who tried to take away these special passes would get a ferocious snarl from the railroad rover.

“We came to learn”, adds Barlettani, “that Lampo visited every station in northwest Italy at least once. He was a very sociable dog, and he knew which cars to board on any train where someone on duty or a tourist might give him a bit to eat. Since he had the job of escorting my daughter Mirna to school every morning, he made only short trips on schooldays and saved his longer journeys for weekends”.

Only once in eight years Lampo missed a return train: he went past his stop. However, he got back to his home station by taking a series of connecting trains.

22 What makes Lampo different from other dogs?

- A He behaved like a human traveller.
- B He was commemorated by a memorial.
- C He was a hero of many newspaper articles.
- D He travelled all over the world on his own.

23 Lampo's owner _____.

- A took Lampo on his first journey to Rome
- B taught Lampo to get the right connections
- C believed Lampo could find his way around
- D knew Lampo could understand train schedules

24 Platform workers _____.

- A welcomed Lampo with imaginary travel tickets
- B assisted Lampo in getting on the proper trains
- C asked Lampo's owner to cover his travel fares
- D paid for Lampo's tickets to get back home

25 What was Lampo's responsibility?

- A He had to find himself some food every morning.
- B He had to look after a member of his owner's family.
- C He had to return to his owner's house before midnight.
- D He had to accompany his owner to work on weekdays.

26 Which is NOT stated in the text about Lampo?

- A He was friendly by nature.
- B He went on long railway trips every day.
- C He didn't recognize his stop one day.
- D He didn't let people touch his free passes.