Reading: Message in a Bottle

A sheepdog in Scotland has saved the life of a 50-year-old man. The man, Benjamin Soros, was hiking in Argyll Forest Park. Soros slipped on ice and fell 20 metres down the side of a steep hill. He broke his leg and was unable to move. His cell phone was damaged so he couldn't call anyone. He waited for someone to walk past and find him, but nobody came. Soros spent the whole night lying at the bottom of the hill. It was winter so the weather was very cold. He was afraid that he would die from the cold.

In the morning, Cloudy, a sheepdog from a nearby farm, found the injured man. Soros wrote a message on a piece of paper. He put the message in a plastic drink bottle and told the dog to go home. Cloudy carried the bottle in his mouth and ran quickly to his farm. He gave the bottle to his owner, Duncan Murray.

Murray called the emergency services right away and an ambulance came to the farm. Cloudy led his owner and three crew members from the hospital to the injured hiker. The four men carried Soros to the ambulance and took him to a local hospital. Soros says, "Cloudy saved my life. I will never forget how he helped me."

Murray is very proud of his dog. "Of course, I'm very proud of Cloudy, but I'm not surprised that he carried the message back to me. Cloudy is a really smart dog. Actually, sheepdogs are the smartest breed of dogs."

For questions 1–3 you must answer in complete sentences.

1. How did Soros break his leg?

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2. What kind of dog is Cloudy?

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3. How many men took Soros to the ambulance?

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For questions 4–8 tick (✓) the box.

4. Soros was more worried about the cold weather than his broken leg.
    ☐ True   ☐ False

5. Soros spent two nights lying at the bottom of the hill.
    ☐ True   ☐ False

6. Murray was amazed by his dog's actions.
    ☐ True   ☐ False

7. Why did Soros fall down the hillside?
    ☐ A. He fell over.
    ☐ B. The hill was very steep.
    ☐ C. He slipped on ice.

8. Where did Cloudy take the message?
    ☐ A. To the emergency services.
    ☐ B. To Benjamin
    ☐ C. To Murray's farm.

9. Find the word in the passage which means the OPPOSITE of:
    top (paragraph 1) _____

10. Find the word in the passage which means the SAME as:
    intelligent (paragraph 4) _____

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