

Reading: a newspaper article

- 1 Read the newspaper article, then answer the questions.

The Globe



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Dog Rolls Down Escalator

There was great excitement at King's Cross railway station this morning when a small dog rolled all the way down an escalator. Cuddles, a three-year-old Yorkshire terrier belonging to Mrs Cynthia Bolton, 48, of Newcastle, wasn't hurt, but his owner was shocked.

Mrs Bolton said, 'We bought our tickets at the ticket office and then walked to the escalator. Cuddles and I were standing at the top of it



when I heard the announcer make his announcement: 'The train now arriving at Platform 4 is the 9.52 to Glasgow.' 'Quick!' I said to Cuddles. 'That's our train!' I ran forward, slipped on a bit of paper on the floor and dropped the dog. Cuddles rolled all the way down the escalator, landing in a rucksack at the bottom. Before I knew what was happening, I saw a man pick up the rucksack – with Cuddles inside – and walk onto the train. 'Stop!' I shouted. 'That man's got my Cuddles!'

Other passengers were also surprised. 'We were walking up the stairs,' said John Maloney.



'What happened was just amazing! We put our suitcases down and stopped where we were. We wanted to see what was going on.'

Mrs Bolton didn't think twice. She ran down the escalator as fast she could, jumped onto the train, found the passenger and managed to get her dog back. Cuddles was fine and the pair made their journey home.

- 1 How old is Mrs Bolton? 48.
- 2 What platform did the announcer talk about? _____
- 3 What was Mrs Bolton doing when she heard the announcement? _____
- 4 What did Mrs Bolton slip on? _____
- 5 What did Cuddles fall into? _____

1 Complete the table with the information from the box.

'It was terrible. They walked on without paying for a ticket.'
 'Everyone must pay to use the service. The rules are for everyone.'
 Two boys got onto a train without a ticket.
 The transport police asked the boys to get off the train.
 On Platform 3 at Liverpool Street Station in London.

What happened

Where it happened

What people said

What happened in the end

Help with Writing

Newspaper articles often include things that people said about the story. Reporters add these to make their articles more interesting for the reader.

2 Imagine you write for a newspaper. Write an article about what happened at Liverpool Street Station. Use the information in Activity 1 and the newspaper article about Cuddles to help you. Include:

- A title for the article.
- The names of the two boys.
- Where they wanted to go.
- The names of the other people in Activity 1.
