

# Unit 02 – Seeing-Eye Dogs

## 1. Pre-Listening Questions

Answer the following questions.

1. What is happening in the picture?
2. What do seeing-eye dogs do?
3. What other animals can help people?
4. How do you feel about service animals?  
Are they helpful to people?



## 2. Vocabulary

Write the correct word or phrase from the box for each definition.

**avoid    bond    breed    master    fortunate    assist**

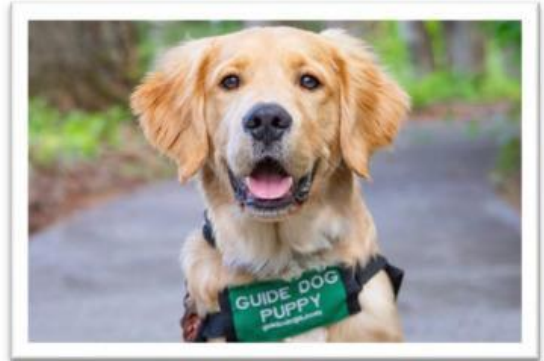
1. .... → an owner; a boss
2. .... → to help
3. .... → a type; a kind
4. .... → to keep from doing something
5. .... → lucky
6. .... → a connection; a link

### 3. Seeing-Eye Dogs

Listen to the talk. Fill in the blanks as you listen.

Many blind people have problems going \_\_\_\_\_.  
When they go outside, they use canes that \_\_\_\_\_  
in front of them.  
This \_\_\_\_\_ people or objects.

Nevertheless, for these people, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Other blind people are \_\_\_\_\_.  
They have \_\_\_\_\_ that assist them.  
Blind people with seeing-eye dogs can \_\_\_\_\_.



Seeing-eye dogs are \_\_\_\_\_.  
They can \_\_\_\_\_ and help them avoid hitting others.  
They can \_\_\_\_\_.  
Many of them can even \_\_\_\_\_.  
Basically, seeing-eye dogs \_\_\_\_\_ of blind people and therefore \_\_\_\_\_.

Many breeds of dogs can become seeing-eye dogs.  
The first seeing-eye dogs were German shepherds.  
Golden retrievers and Labrador retrievers are often seeing-eye dogs, too.  
The dogs must \_\_\_\_\_.  
They need to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
There, dog trainers teach them \_\_\_\_\_.  
Finally, the dog and its owner are matched.  
They train together \_\_\_\_\_.  
That way, they can \_\_\_\_\_.

Seeing-eye dogs and their owners frequently \_\_\_\_\_.  
The dogs not only lead their owners around but \_\_\_\_\_ their owners.  
In addition, guide dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.  
So their owners can take them into lots of business establishments, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Thus seeing-eye dogs \_\_\_\_\_ of their owners.

### 4. Organizer

Fill in the blanks with the correct **words**.

#### How Seeing-Eye Dogs Help

- Are ..... to help people
- Can lead people down streets and help them .....
- Can relieve their owners' feelings of stress and .....
- Act as the ..... of their owners

## Seeing-Eye Dogs

- Are German shepherds, golden retrievers, and Labrador retrievers
- Must be big, ....., and in good health
- Train together with their .....
- Are trained at a school



### 5. Main Topic

Circle the correct answer.

1. **What is the main idea of the talk?**
  - a. Seeing-eye dogs can be various breeds of dogs.
  - b. Every blind person should have a seeing-eye dog.
  - c. Seeing-eye dogs are helpful to many blind people.

### 6. Details

Answer the questions.

2. **What can seeing-eye dogs do for their owners?**
  - a. They can help their owners get onto buses.
  - b. They can lead their owners down sidewalks.
  - c. They can assist their owners at their jobs.
3. **Which breed of dog is NOT a seeing-eye dog?**
  - a. Bulldog
  - b. German shepherd
  - c. Labrador retriever
4. **How long do seeing-eye dogs train with their owners?**
  - a. About one month
  - b. About six months
  - c. About one year
5. **Fill in the blank with the correct word(s).**

*Seeing-eye dogs are able to reduce the feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ and loneliness their masters have.*

### 7. Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases with their definitions.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 6. sidewalk       | to work; to operate                             |
| 7. in good health | healthy                                         |
| 8. function       | to hit; to collide with                         |
| 9. run into       | to teach                                        |
| 10. train         | a paved area next to a road that people walk on |