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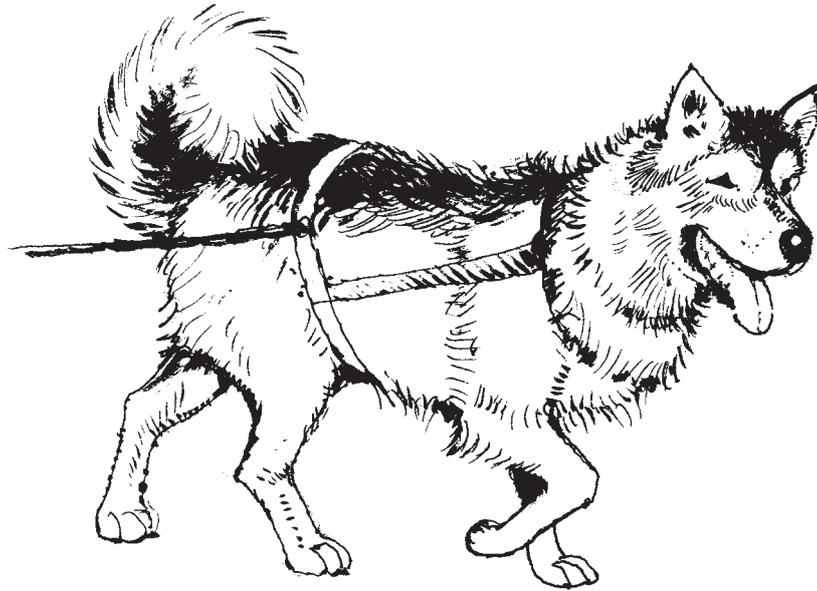
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## Teacher's Copy

# All about Dogs



## Spelling

### Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

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### All about Dogs

Domestic dogs are part of the same \_\_\_\_\_ *family* \_\_\_\_\_ as wolves, jackals and foxes. Dogs were first \_\_\_\_\_ *kept* \_\_\_\_\_ as pets around 14,000 years ago.

#### Characteristics and behaviour

The dog has a small head and \_\_\_\_\_ *pointed* \_\_\_\_\_ muzzle, but the shape of the head \_\_\_\_\_ *varies* \_\_\_\_\_ greatly in \_\_\_\_\_ *different* \_\_\_\_\_ breeds. Dogs can be easily trained because of their intelligence.

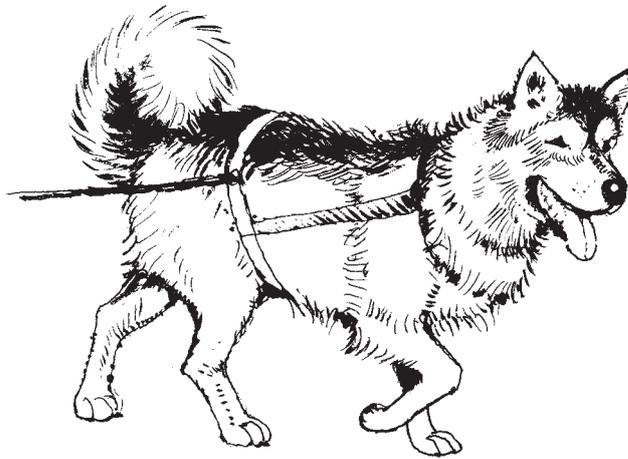
Some dogs may be fierce or \_\_\_\_\_ *rough* \_\_\_\_\_ unless they are well trained. Like wolves, dogs defend a territory against other dogs. There are also similarities in their aggressive behaviour, the care of their \_\_\_\_\_ *young* \_\_\_\_\_ and the way they bury food.

#### Wild dogs

Some wild dogs are solitary, but others hunt in groups. Jackals scavenge for food that other animals have left \_\_\_\_\_ *uneaten* \_\_\_\_\_, and the raccoon dog from east Asia eats plants and meat.

## Uses of dogs

Dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ *valuable* \_\_\_\_\_ as sheepdogs as they can keep the flock together. In the Arctic regions, dogs are used for \_\_\_\_\_ *dragging* \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles through the snow. A dog's sense of smell is better than its \_\_\_\_\_ *sight* \_\_\_\_\_. They can use their sense of smell to track criminals and detect drugs. Dogs can also be used as guards for the \_\_\_\_\_ *protection* \_\_\_\_\_ of buildings.



## History

Archaeological \_\_\_\_\_ *evidence* \_\_\_\_\_ shows that dogs were probably domesticated from wolves many centuries ago. Ancient monuments in Egypt were carved with figures of dogs. The Egyptians worshipped a star they named the 'Dog Star'. They had advance \_\_\_\_\_ *knowledge* \_\_\_\_\_ that the Nile would flood because they saw this star \_\_\_\_\_ *appear* \_\_\_\_\_.

