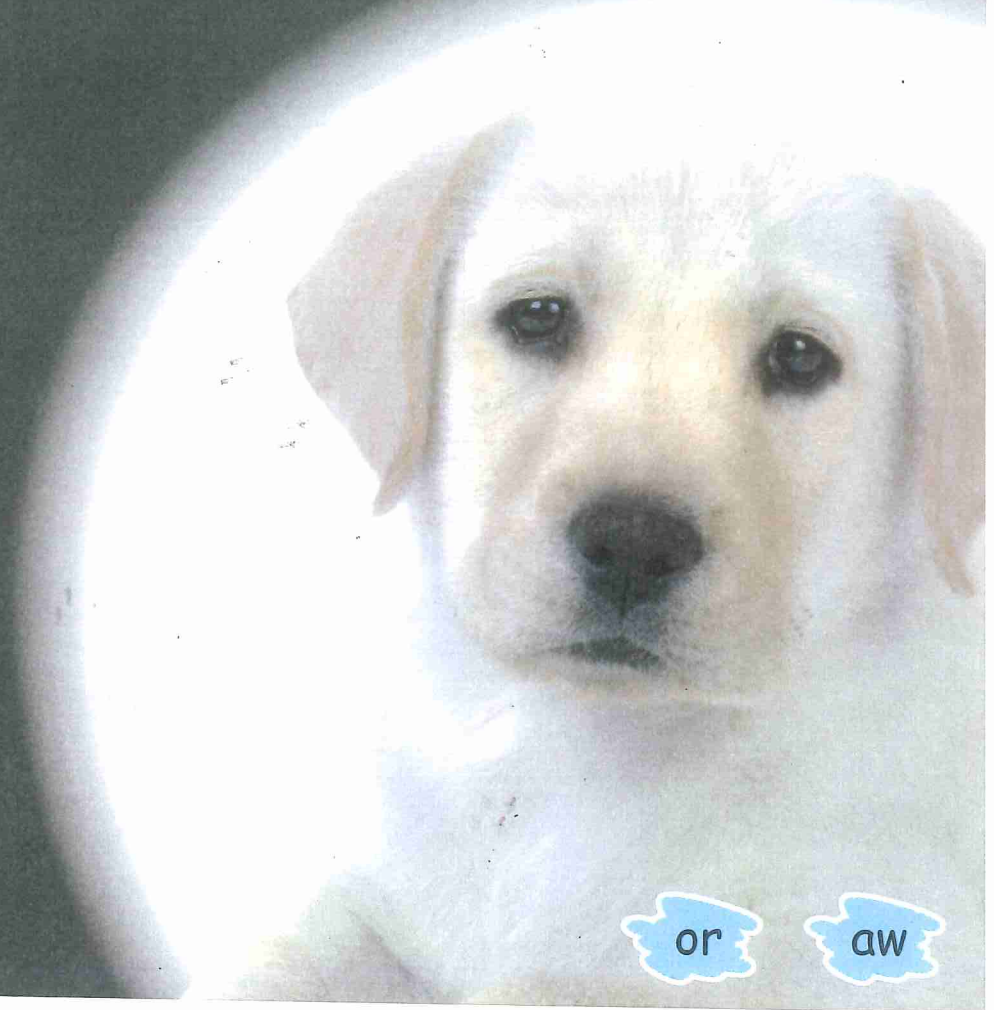


A job for Jordan

Non-fiction
Set 7 Book 1

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Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the non-fiction text) after the children have read the word.

definition

guide dog

a dog that helps someone who cannot see or hear well

Labrador

a medium-sized, friendly type of dog

report

writing that tells you how something happens

harness

a set of straps that goes over a dog's head to help you control the dog

sponsor

promise to give money

website

a place on the Internet where you can find information

Punctuation to note:

Next They
Jordan Mark

Capital letters that start sentences

Capital letters for names

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Exclamation mark to show something is surprising or funny

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To show a pause before more information follows

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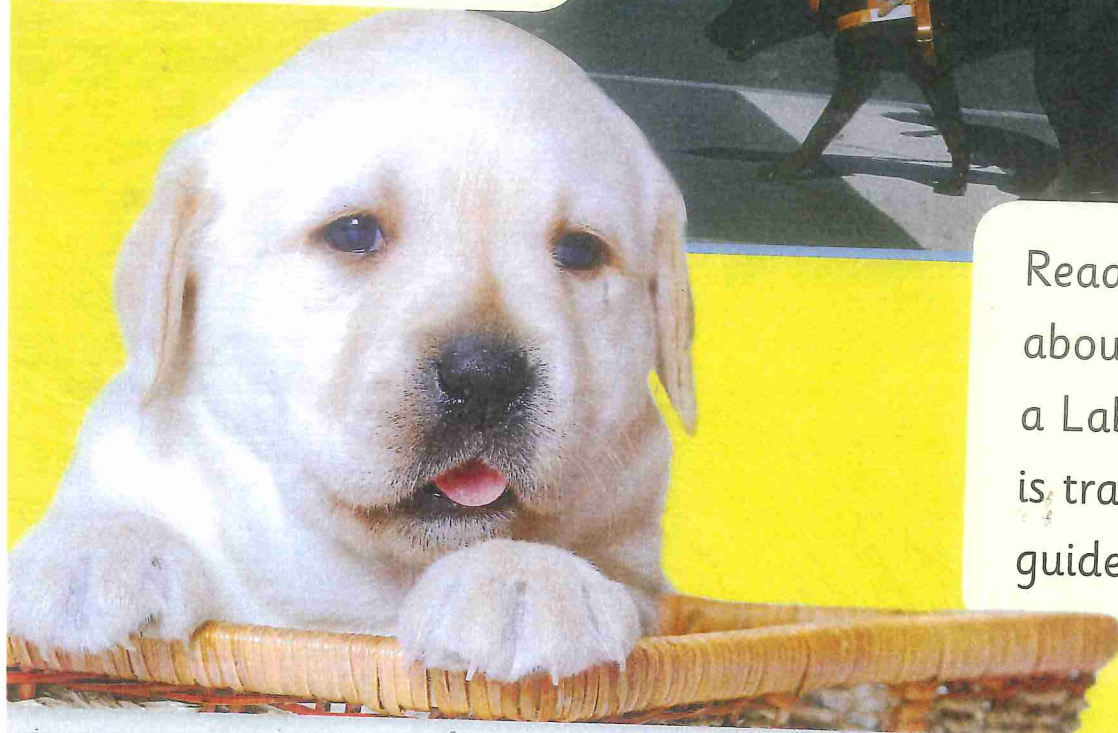
A colon to show a list or that more information is going to follow

Mark needs his guide dog, Dawn, because he has poor sight.

A Labrador is a good sort of dog for this.



Read this report about how Jordan, a Labrador pup, is trained to be a guide dog.



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All pups can be playful, but a guide dog pup has to behave. His owner's life will be in his hands – or his paws!

6 to 8 weeks after Jordan is born, he is taken out on a lead each morning to be trained.





A guide dog is trained to:

- sit
- lie down
- stay
- come.



When he is 1, a harness is worn by the pup.

He is trained in some more important lessons:

- how to stop before crossing a street
- how to go left or right on command
- how to stop his owner bumping into things
- how to deal with traffic.



Next, the guide dog meets his owner.

They are shown how to act as a team.



A guide dog is a great help to a woman with poor sight.

He lies on the floor until he is needed.



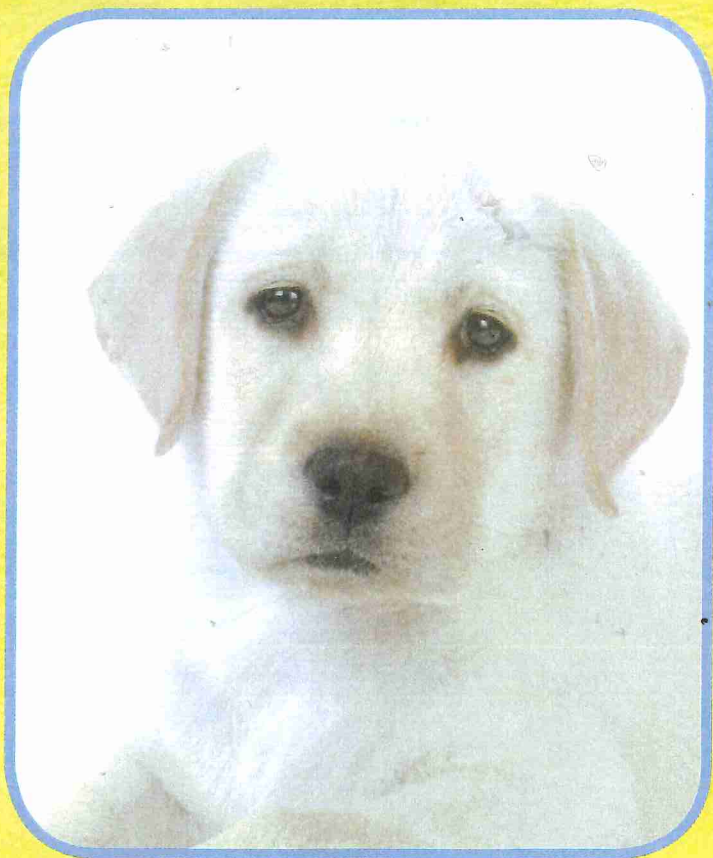
If you see a guide dog with his owner, do not speak to the dog or pat him.



Let him do his job.



Do you want to sponsor a guide dog pup?



£1 a week will support a pup who is being trained to be a guide dog.

With an adult, go to this website if you want to know more:
www.guidedogs.org.uk