

We are working on answering comprehension questions in complete sentences and using details from the text/story. The sentences should use words from the question to state the complete answer (these are in underlined below).

Please practice writing sentences like these (in response to question stems based on the book or text your child is reading) nightly as part of the reading homework.

Amazing Animal Helpers

This dolphin is helping soldiers. How? It looks for hidden objects on the ocean floor. Other animals help people too. Jump inside to learn all about them!

Animals Have Special Jobs!

Many different types of animals help people. See how these animals lend a hand—or a flipper, hoof, or paw!

Diving Dolphins

A special team of bottlenose dolphins helps the U.S. Navy in the ocean waters near Iraq. The dolphins use sonar to find unsafe objects in the water. Sonar is the use of sound to find things. After the dolphins finish their job, they are rewarded with a favorite snack - fish! The dolphins' work helps keep our troops safe from harm.

Reading Dogs

Some dogs help children become better readers. The dogs sit and listen to the children read. That helps kids feel confident while they read. The dogs do not rush the kids or correct them.

Helpful Horses

Meet Cuddles, a guide horse. She is full grown at 2 feet tall. That is about the size of a large dog. Cuddles helps guide her owner, who is blind. Cuddles wears special sneakers to protect her hooves.

Marvelous Monkeys

Some monkeys help people who cannot move their arms or legs. The monkeys are trained to do tasks such as getting water from the refrigerator or putting a CD in a music player.

An example of Parent Question Stems and Student Responses:

Why did the author use the title, "Amazing Animal Helpers"?

The author used the title Amazing Animal Helpers because the story talks about how different animals help keep people safe or help people if they have a problem. For example, dolphins use sonar to find unsafe things in the water and monkeys help people who can't move their legs or arms by getting them things like water or a snack.

How are all the animals in the story the same?

The animals in the story are the same because they all help people. For example, animals can listen to children read, or help people who are blind. Also, animals can help sick children and they can search for people who are lost.

What is the Main idea of this passage?

The main idea of this passage is that there are different kinds of animals that help humans. I know this is the main idea because the author talked about how dolphins help humans find things underwater and monkeys help people who cannot use their arms or legs.

In this passage it says, "Monkeys are trained to do tasks". What does the word task mean as used in this sentence?

The word task as used in this sentence means to do a helpful job. I know it means this because in the story the author talks about how monkeys are good helpers for people who are not able to use their arms and legs by helping to do tasks.