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## Dorado Alerts

Smoke begins to rise from the house. Dorado barks to alert the family that there is trouble. When they hear the barking, Dorado's family knows that something is wrong. While Dorado's owner calls 911 for emergency help, Dorado sniffs out the appropriate exit route. He jumps up to test the door handle with his paw. The knob is warm, but not hot.

Dorado barks three times to alert his owner that this is the right door to use. The family makes a swift exit from the house and waits outside in the yard for the fire trucks to arrive. Because Dorado is trained in rescue procedures, Dorado's owner and his family are able to safely escape the house.



1) Dorado alerts the family that there is trouble by

- A. sniffing
- B. shouting
- C. barking
- D. jumping

2) Based on its use in the passage, it can be understood that **appropriate** belongs to which of the following word groups?

- A. strong, forceful, tough
- B. right, proper, correct
- C. clear, obvious, simple
- D. delicious, tasty, flavorful

3) This passage would most likely be found in a book titled

- A. Firefighters at Work
- B. Safety at Home
- C. Rescue Dogs
- D. Canine Trouble



## Answers and Explanations

1) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

The author writes, “Dorado barks to alert the family that there is trouble.” This lets us know that Dorado alerts the family that there is trouble by barking, which means **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) B

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

**appropriate** (*adjective*): suitable for a particular circumstance.

The author writes, “While Dorado’s owner calls 911 for emergency help, Dorado sniffs out the appropriate exit route.” We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what appropriate most nearly means. In the next three sentences, the author writes, “He jumps up to test the door handle with his paw. The knob is warm, but not hot. Dorado barks three times to alert his owner that this is the right door to use.” Since Dorado needs to find the appropriate door, and in the last sentence of this selection we learn that he has found the right door, we can tell that appropriate must mean something like right or suitable. Right, proper, and correct all mean something like right or suitable. This lets us know that appropriate belongs to the word group containing right, proper, and correct. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide evidence to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

### 3) C

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

A good title summarizes the information in the passage and lets readers know what to expect should they read further. In this passage, the author writes about a dog named Dorado. According to the author, “Dorado’s owner and his family are able to safely escape the house.” The author explains how Dorado rescues the family from the fire, by helping them escape. This lets us know that Dorado is a rescue dog. Since Dorado is a rescue dog, and this story is about how he rescues his family, we can tell that this passage would most likely be found in a book titled *Rescue Dogs*. This title both summarizes the information in the passage and lets readers know what to expect should they read further. This lets us know that **(C)** is correct.

Using the above information, we can tell that a good title summarizes the information in the passage and lets readers know what to expect should they read further. In this passage, the author writes, “The family makes a swift exit from the house and waits outside in the yard for the fire trucks to arrive.” Besides this mention of the family waiting for fire trucks, the author does not mention anything related to firefighters in the passage. Because the firefighters have not arrived to the house by the end of the passage, we never see firefighters at work. This lets us know that this passage is not likely to be found in a book titled *Firefighters at Work*. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that a good title summarizes the information in the passage and lets readers know what to expect should they read further. This passage focuses on what a dog can do in an emergency situation like a house fire. A passage about safety would focus more on what to do in order to prevent a fire at home. Because the title *Safety at Home* does not summarize the information in the passage, nor does it let readers know what to expect should they read further, we can tell that the passage is not likely to be found in a book titled *Safety at Home*. This means **(B)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that a good title summarizes the information in the passage and lets readers know what to expect should they read further. This passage focuses on a heroic dog’s actions in an emergency situation. We know that a canine is a dog. Since the dog in the story, Dorado, does not get into any trouble, he actually helps save his family from trouble, we can tell that this passage is not likely to be found in a book titled *Canine Trouble*. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

### 4) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

The author writes, “Because Dorado is trained in rescue procedures, Dorado’s owner and his family are able to safely escape the house.” This lets us know that the family is able to escape because Dorado is trained in rescue procedures. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) A

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

At the beginning of the passage, the author writes, “Smoke begins to rise from the house. Dorado barks to alert the family that there is trouble.” This lets us know that Dorado is most likely a dog that senses that the house is on fire, since smoke begins to rise from the house and he barks. In the next several sentences, the author explains how Dorado is able to rescue the family from the fire. Dorado does things like test the door handles and bark a specific number of times to send messages to his owner. Finally, the author writes about how Dorado’s “owner and his family are able to safely escape the house.” Using this information, we can tell that this passage explains how dogs can rescue people from fires. This means **(A)** is correct.

This passage describes how a dog rescues a family during a house fire. For this reason, we can tell that the family in the passage is not safe. Using this information, we can tell that this passage does not explain how families work together to stay safe, because although the family in the passage is saved, we could not say they stayed safe, since their house was on fire. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.

In this passage, the author writes, “While Dorado’s owner calls 911 for emergency help, Dorado sniffs out the appropriate exit route.” Although 911 is mentioned in the passage, this is only a minor detail. The author spends much more time writing about how Dorado helps the family escape. Using this information, we can tell that this passage does not explain how it is important to call 911 in emergencies. This means **(C)** is incorrect.

In this passage, we can tell that firefighters are on the way, because the author writes, “The family makes a swift exit from the house and waits outside in the yard for the fire trucks to arrive.” By the end of the passage, however, the firefighters have not arrived, so we never see them work to put out the fire. This lets us know that this passage does not explain how firefighters work hard to put out fires. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

6) B

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

**swift** (*adjective*): happening quickly or promptly.

The author writes, “The family makes a swift exit from the house and waits outside in the yard for the fire trucks to arrive.” We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what the word swift most nearly means. Previously, the author writes, “While Dorado’s owner calls 911 for emergency help, Dorado sniffs out the appropriate exit route.” Since the owner called 911, we can tell that something serious is happening to the house. If Dorado found an exit route, we can tell that it was important for the family to exit the house during this emergency situation. Given the situation, we can tell that the quicker the family can exit the house, the better. Using this information, we can tell that the word swift must mean something like happening quickly or promptly, since the family was able to escape the house and wait for fire trucks to arrive. This lets us know that the word swift most nearly means quick, so **(B)** is correct.

Using the above information, we can tell that the word swift must mean something like happening quickly or promptly. Cold relates to temperature, not speed, so we can tell that the word swift does not most nearly cold. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that word swift must mean something like happening quickly or promptly. Safe relates to how dangerous something is, not speed. This lets us know that the word swift does not most nearly mean safe, and **(C)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that the word swift must mean something like happening quickly or promptly. Risky relates to how dangerous something is, not speed. This lets us know that word swift does not most nearly mean risky. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.