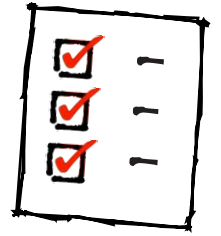


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Day Two

A Special Kind of Soldier

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- In addition to sniffing out explosives and other duties
- Marine Sergeant Maple has an especially strong bond with his dog
- Military dogs and their handlers develop a close relationship
- many of these loyal dogs are adopted by American families
- as a reward for their years of service

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Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\text{v}}$ on top of the first vowel in the combo
- Cross out the second vowel in the combo
- Say the word with your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name).
Make the second vowel silent.

The first one is done for you.

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A Special Kind of Soldier

Part 2: Last read

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A long day of training was over, and Sergeant Benjamin Maple praised Corporal Jerry for his hard work. Marine Corporal Jerry proudly wagged his tail in response.

As you might have guessed, Corporal Jerry is a dog. He was one of about 1,000 canines who served on the front lines in the Iraq War. The most common breed of military dog is the German shepherd. Military dogs perform important work in wartime. For example, they detect explosives and help with search and rescue. Dogs in Iraq had to deal with harsh conditions. They worked during 130 degree heat and high wind. Military dogs risked injury and death every day.

In addition to sniffing out explosives and other duties, dogs provided emotional support for the soldiers. Military dogs and their handlers develop a close relationship. Marine Sergeant Maple has an especially strong bond with his dog, Star. "I almost walked on an IED but he was ahead of me, he saved my life. He saved the lives of a couple Marines that were with me," he said in an interview. He felt so close to his dog that he even named his daughter Star, in honor of the canine.

Would you like to get to know one of these animals? When they retire from the military, many of these loyal dogs are adopted by American families. They can enjoy the good life as a reward for their years of service.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think a military dog would make a good pet? Why or why not?

Share your answer with your partner. What does your partner think?
