

Name:

Day One

Military Dogs

Part 1: Silent read

➔ What did dogs do in the Iraq War? Read silently.

In Iraq, IEDs were everywhere. An IED is a homemade bomb. IEDs popped up in cars and houses. They were hidden beneath the ground and under clothing. How could people find IEDs in these tricky places? Often, people couldn't, but dogs could.

About 1,000 dogs served on the front lines in the Iraq War. They found IEDs, did search and rescue, and helped with other jobs. The most common breed was the German shepherd. Not every dog can be a military dog. These dogs must be smart and strong. Then, they must be trained. The dogs need lots of practice and lots of praise.

In Iraq, military dogs worked hard. They had to deal with 130 degree heat. They risked their lives every day.

These dogs also became trusted friends. Military dogs and their handlers had close relationships. Marine Sergeant Benjamin Maple has a strong bond with his dog, Star. "I almost walked on an IED but he was ahead of me, he saved my life," he told *NPR*. When Maple's baby daughter was born, he gave her a special name. Like his beloved dog, her name is Star.

Would you like to get to know a military dog? When these dogs come back to the U.S., they need homes. American families adopt them. They can enjoy the good life as a reward for their service.

Source: "Dogs of war play key role in Iraq," *NPR*, March 3, 2008.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

How did dogs help fight the Iraq War?

What was the most common breed of military dog in Iraq?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.