

Dogs sniff out danger at Atlanta's airport

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ATLANTA, Ga. — People who want to go on airplanes sometimes have to wait in long lines. People can wait for a really long time. They could wait an hour. This is a problem at airports. An airport is a place where airplanes fly in and out.

Dogs can help lines go faster. The dogs make sure the people who get on airplanes are safe.

Amazing Sense Of Smell

The dogs do this by sniffing. The dogs are sniffing for things that should not be there.

Five dogs do this kind of sniffing in Atlanta. The dogs are named Miley, Jo, Dougie, Balou and Betty.

These dogs sniff the people getting on the airplane. They sniff their bags, too. They are smelling for things that should not be there. Each dog has an amazing sense of smell. They can even smell bombs.

No Petting, Please

It is hard work. After doing it, the dogs are very tired.

The dogs wear "Do not pet" signs. Petting them makes it hard for them to work.

The dogs do not get money. They work for things like balls and toys. They really like it when they are told "Good boy!" or "Good girl!"

There are times when the dogs are not working. People do not play with them then. They sleep in kennels.

The dogs would not work if people played with them too much. Working is fun for these dogs.

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1. Why do dogs sniff bags at the airport?

- A) They are looking for food.
- B) They are looking for balls.
- C) They are looking for things that are bad.
- D) They are looking for places to sleep.

2. Why do the airport dogs have to wear signs that say "Do not pet"?

- A) because people like to pet dogs
- B) because the dogs are too mean to pet
- C) because the dogs are too tiny to pet
- D) because people hurt the dogs when they pet them

3. Read the second paragraph of the article.

"Dogs can help lines go faster. The dogs make sure the people who get on airplanes are safe."

What does the word "lines" mean in the first sentence?

- A) edges of things
- B) marks that look like thin stripes
- C) long cords for hanging things
- D) rows of people

4. Read the sentences from the section "Amazing Sense Of Smell."

"Each dog has an amazing sense of smell. They can even smell bombs."

The word "amazing" means that the dog's sense of smell is:

- A) really special
- B) very funny
- C) not real
- D) not good

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1. C
2. A
3. D
4. A

READING: Practice

1 Read the student profiles. Where are Petr and Maria from?



Spotlight on International Students



Meet some of our new students from around the world!



◀ Petr Novak

My name is Petr. I'm a musician from Prague. It's the capital city of the Czech Republic. I speak Czech. It's the official language, but I also speak English. Many people from the Czech Republic speak English. My parents speak it, too. Our currency is the Czech koruna. We also call it the crown.

Maria Jones ▶

My name is Maria. I study art in Mexico City. It is the capital city in Mexico, but I am from Guadalajara. My mom is Mexican. She is a teacher. My dad is American, and he is a teacher, too. People speak Spanish in Mexico. I speak Spanish and English. Mexico's official currency is the peso.



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2 Read the student profiles. Then answer the questions.

- 1 What is the official language of the Czech Republic? _____
- 2 What is the currency of the Czech Republic? _____
- 3 What languages does Petr speak? _____
- 4 What does Maria study? _____
- 5 What language does Maria speak? _____
- 6 What nationality is Maria's dad? _____

3 Complete the chart with words from the article.

people	places	nationalities	languages	jobs	currencies

READING SKILL: Recognizing nouns and pronouns ▶ 1.1

4 Find all the pronouns in the “Maria” section of article. What noun does each pronoun replace?

Pronoun	Noun
I	Maria

5 Read the sentence. Then write another sentence. Replace the boldfaced noun with a pronoun.



1 **The dollar** is American.
It is green and white.



2 I love **Mini Coopers**.



3 I like **soccer**.



4 **Tacos** are Mexican.



5 **Danica Patrick** is American.
