

worksheet

level 3

Try not to look at the transcript while doing these exercises! Always read the instructions and all the information in the tasks before listening. Listen as many times as you like.

The dog and duck

1 Before listening: do you like dogs? Think of five reasons why people have dogs as pets.

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2 Before listening: can you think of any 'lucky escape' stories involving animals?

3 Before listening: look at these 12 phrases. Can you put them into groups of four to make three different stories?

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| animal shelter | lower blood pressure |
| chased after seagulls | put in fridge |
| coastguards | social contact |
| hunting season | still alive |
| fewer minor ailments | take it for 'walkies' |
| a little bit shaken | 200 ft cliff |

4 Listening for comparisons: listen to the whole podcast and write the phrase above in the correct column, then compare the three news stories with your ideas.

the duck story	the first dog story	the second dog story

5 Which animal do you think was the luckiest, the duck or the dog?

6 Listen for more detail: fill in the chart below for the duck and second dog stories.

	What was the man doing at the start of the story?	What happened to the animal?	What was the surprise?	What was the outcome?
the duck story				
the dog story				

7 Listen for more detail: Jackie says there are two ways that having a dog can help your health. What are the health benefits?

	cause	benefits
1	take dog for 'walkies'	•
2	social interaction with the dog	• • • • •

8 Finally, who leads healthier lives, cat or dog owners? What are the missing words here?

So we have a _____ dog and a _____ duck!



Listening tip: did you do the 'before listening' exercises?! These really help you to understand the podcast. Why not find a 'listening buddy' to do these activities with, you can then share ideas - and speak in English too of course!

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the duck story	the first dog story	the second dog story
hunting season	take it for 'walkies'	chased after seagulls
put in fridge	social contact	200 ft cliff
still alive	lower blood pressure	coastguards
animal shelter	fewer minor ailments	a little bit shaken

5 We think the duck! But then again the dog was lucky too!

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	What was the man doing at the start of the story?	What happened to the animal?	What was the surprise?	What was the outcome?
the duck story	going hunting	it was shot, stuck in the hunter's bag, taken home, and put in the fridge	after two days in the fridge the duck was still alive	it wasn't killed but taken to the animal shelter
the dog story	going for a walk	he / it chased after some seagulls and fell off the edge of a 200ft cliff	the dog was fine, no physical injuries just a little bit shaken	the dog will never be off the lead again (when going for walks)

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	cause	benefits
1	take dog for 'walkies'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the owner gets exercise too
2	social interaction with the dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> calms people down lowers blood pressure lowers the cholesterol fewer minor ailments fewer serious medical problems

8 Dog owners

So we have a *lucky* dog and a *plucky* duck!