

Adopt a dog

Name _____ Date _____

Mandy and Walter live in a big village in Oxfordshire. There is plenty of open countryside and footpaths nearby.

Mandy works full time and Walter is an artist and works from home. Their children are now 14 and 16. The family have a fairly big garden and they have a cat and a dog – a 7 year old Bassett Hound, Max, who is quite a settled and calm dog. The cat is very elderly and sleeps most of the day.



They are thinking of adopting another dog from the Blue Cross Animal Charity.

<http://www.bluecross.org.uk/1710/Adopt-ananimal.html>

1. Look on the site and read about the dogs for adoption at the Blue Cross Centre at Burford (43 kilometres from Abingdon).
2. Read about the dogs for adoption.
3. Choose the best dog for them. Why is it good for Mandy and Walter?
4. Write about it here.

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Arthur is an retired ex-Army person who has lost his wife in recent times. He is very active, likes climbing mountains in his spare time and loves animals. In the Army he was a dog handler for a while.

His children have left home now and he would like a dog for company. He lives in a sub-urban area but he can walk very easily to some nice open land. His house has a reasonably sized garden. He doesn't have any other pets.



He has a holiday cottage in the Lake District and this would be ideal for a very active dog.

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The Wilson Family live in Abingdon with Granny Wilson who is 80. Danny and Erin have three children aged 7, 9 and 11. Erin works part time as a hairdresser and Danny works full time as a plumber.

They have a little Jack Russell dog (Spot) at the moment. He is well-trained and happy dog who wants company. The family really want another small dog. Although both partners work, grandma is at home all the time.

They have a back garden with lots of trees and a wild area which Spot loves.

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Functional Skills mapping

Teaching notes:

If your learners do not have access to computers, provide them with a selection of suitable printouts from <http://www.bluecross.org.uk/2566/adopt-a-dog.html>

Functional English

Although written for ESOL learners this resource fulfils *all* the Level 1 Functional English reading and writing requirements.

Level 1 Functional Skills English mapping

Ofqual (2009), Functional Skills criteria for English: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, level 1 and level 2.

<http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-and-assessment-framework/89-articles/238-functional-skills-criteria>

Level 1 Reading skill standard: Read and understand a range of straightforward texts

Coverage and range statements

- a) Identify the main points and ideas and how they are presented in a variety of texts ✓
- b) Read and understand texts in detail ✓
- c) Utilise information contained in texts ✓
- d) Identify suitable responses to texts ✓

Level 1 Writing skill standard: Write a range of texts to communicate information, ideas and opinions, using formats and styles suitable for their purpose and audience

Coverage and range statements

- a) Write clearly and coherently, including an appropriate level of detail ✓
- b) Present information in a logical sequence ✓
- c) Use language, format and structure suitable for purpose and audience ✓
- d) Use correct grammar, including correct and consistent use of tense ✓
- e) Ensure written work includes generally accurate punctuation and spelling and that meaning is clear ✓

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