

- Read each Vocabulary Word and its definition. Then write the Vocabulary Word that answers each question.

**translation:** putting something into another language

**publicity:** information designed to attract public attention

**features:** the parts of the face

**piercing:** penetrating

**advanced:** highly developed or complex



1. Which word describes the gaze of a person who stares in a penetrating way?  
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2. What are a person's mouth and ears? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When movie stars talk on TV about their latest films, what are they looking for? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does a foreign-language interpreter do? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which word describes technology today compared to technology in the past?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Choose the Vocabulary Word in parentheses ( ) that best completes each sentence.

We couldn't understand a word the creatures said, so we used our

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ (features, translation) machine. All of them had

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ (piercing, features) eyes that seemed to penetrate

into our minds. Their other (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (advanced, features), especially their mouths, were very small. Soon it became clear that they wanted

to brag about how (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (advanced, piercing) their civilization was. They had even printed up advertising flyers to get themselves a

little free (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (translation, publicity)!

► **Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined sentences will help you find the main idea.**

Many books contain accounts of UFO sightings and close encounters with extraterrestrials, or creatures from other planets. People have even described being taken to other planets and returning home safely. It seems that some people like the idea of aliens from other planets. Many years of supposed sightings have raised unanswered questions. Until proof is provided, we must assume that extraterrestrial life does not exist.

- 1** What is the main idea of this paragraph?
- A** People claim to have been taken to other planets.
  - B** Many people have seen aliens.
  - C** There is no proof that extraterrestrial life exists.
  - D** Many books contain accounts of UFO sightings.

**Tip**  
 The main idea is the most important point that the paragraph is making. Reread the last two sentences, and see which answer choice best summarizes them.

- 2** Which detail supports this main idea?
- F** People have described returning home safely.
  - G** The idea of aliens from other planets is appealing to some people.
  - H** Proof of aliens has raised questions.
  - J** Years of supposed sightings have not provided answers.

**Tip**  
 A detail is information that supports an idea. Which answer choice has information that supports the writer's opinion?

- 3** Which of these details could also be used to support the main idea?
- A** Roswell, New Mexico is a well-known UFO center.
  - B** Weather balloons have sometimes been mistaken for flying saucers.
  - C** There are TV shows and movies about aliens.
  - D** People often fear what they do not know.

**Tip**  
 Read the answer you chose for question 1. Which detail would support it?

 **SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION** Have your child read several paragraphs from a textbook and identify the main ideas. Which main ideas are stated? Which have to be figured out from the details the writer includes?

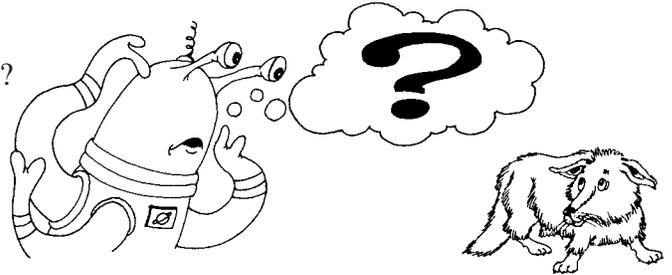
- Look at the pictures. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

1. How does the alien feel about the dog?

- A angry
- B puzzled
- C scared

2. How does the dog feel about the alien?

- F friendly
- G scared
- H angry



3. Suppose this was an actual picture in a newspaper. Who would the newspaper focus on if it wanted to show that aliens are curious about dogs?

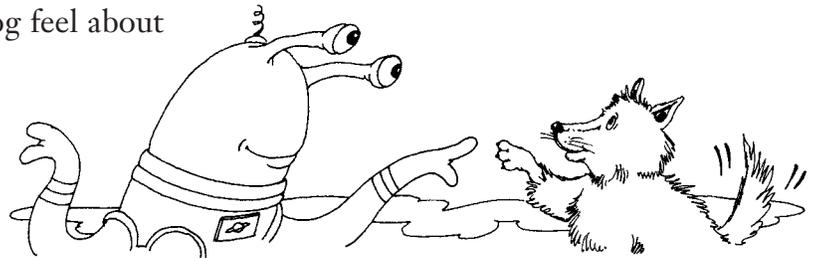
- A the alien
- B the dog
- C both the alien and the dog

4. From the evidence in the picture, what will most likely happen next?

- F The alien and the dog will touch.
- G The alien will run away from the dog.
- H The dog will howl.

5. How do the alien and the dog feel about each other now?

- A sickened
- B furious
- C curious



6. Which caption would the newspaper use for this picture?

- F Dog Begs for Help from Alien
- G How a Friendship Begins
- H Alien Is Afraid of Dogs

