

CHAPTER 2: DAY CARE FOR DOGS



BEFORE YOU READ. Look at the picture and read the title of the story.

1. Circle your answers.

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| 1. Do dogs like to be at home alone? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you have a dog? | Yes | No |
| 3. How do dogs feel when they are at home alone all day? | | |
| a) They are tired. | | |
| b) They are happy. | | |
| c) They are lonely. | | |

2. Write your answers on the lines.

1. What is this dog doing? It is _____
2. Who usually goes to day care centers? _____

DAY CARE FOR DOGS

Every morning Denise Perez takes a walk with Jesse. After their walk, Denise gets ready for work. But before she goes to work, she drives Jesse to a nearby day care center. Jesse stays there all day while Denise is at work. Jesse has lunch at the day care center. He enjoys play time and takes a nap there, too. This may not seem unusual. Many people take their children to day care centers. But Jesse is not a child. He is a dog. Jesse's day care center is a place for pets.

Day care for dogs is very popular today. Many large cities have animal day care centers. Some pet owners, like Denise, are very happy with these day care centers. "I go to work early in the morning and come home late at night. I don't like to leave Jesse at home alone all day. He gets very lonely because he has no one to play with." Says Denise. "But when he goes to the day care center, he can play with other dogs. He runs around and gets a lot of exercise. And most important of all, he is not alone."

Jesse goes to Doggy View Day care in Los Angeles, California. He plays with other dogs in a large backyard. There is a pool so Jesse can go swimming with the other dogs, too. The day care costs about U.S. \$25 a day, but Denise is happy to take him there. Denise's neighbors are happy too. Denise Explains. "When Jesse is home alone, he barks very loudly all day."

READ ON TWO

1. **MAIN IDEA.** What is the most important idea of the story? (Circle the letter)

1. Day care for dogs is popular in many cities.
2. Jesse likes to go swimming with the other dogs.
3. Denise takes her dog to Doggie View Day Care

2. **JUST THE FACTS:** Put a "T" if True or and "F" if False in the space. Put a "D" if you don't know the answer

- F Denise is a dog
- Jesse is a dog
- Jesse drives to work
- Denise is married
- Jesse enjoys the day care center
- Denise works for a computer company
- Jesse like to be alone all day.

3. **LEARN NEW WORDS** (Put the correct work in the blank)

Barks drives exercise gets ready ~~take~~

1. Jesse and Denise take a walk together
2. Denise _____ for work after their walk.
3. Denise _____ Jesse to a nearby day care center.
4. He runs around and gets a lot of _____ .
5. Jesse _____ loudly at home when he is alone all day.

4. **FIND THE ANSWERS** Use sentences in #3 to answer the questions

1. What do Denise and Jesse do every morning?

2. What does Jesse do at the day care center?_

Jesse and Denise take a walk together.

3. Where does Denise drive Jesse?

4. Why does Denise take Jesse to a day care center?

5. What does Denise do after she takes a walk with Jesse?

READ ON TWO

5. **THINK IT OVER.** Answer in your own words.

1. Denise is happy to take Jesse to a day care center because _____
 - a) It costs U.S. \$25.00.
 - b) Jesse isn't lonely there.
 - c) Day care for dogs is popular.
2. The neighbors are happy when Jesse is at the day care center because _____
 - d) He isn't lonely.
 - e) He barks all day at home.
 - f) He can play with other dogs.

6. **TALK IT OVER.** Read the sentences below. Put a check (✓) under the place where Jesse can do these things. Then talk about your answers with your classmates.

SENTENCES	AT HOME	AT DAY CARE	BOTH
1) He plays with other dogs.			
2) He is alone.			
3) He gets exercise.			
4) He barks all day.			
5) He has no one to play with.			
6) He takes a nap.			
7) He goes swimming.			
8) He eats food.			

7. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Do you think a day care center for pets is a good idea? Why or why not? Complete the sentence, then share it with your class.

I (think/don't think) this is a good idea because _____

CHAPTERS 1 AND 2 - ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. **TIE IT ALL TOGETHER.** With a partner, complete the chart below. Check (✓) the correct person.

	LORI CHEONG	DENISE PEREZ
1. She works all day.		
2. She has a small apartment.		
3. She loves dogs.		
4. She has a dog.		
5. She doesn't have a dog.		
6. She likes to play with Princess.		
7. She takes walks with Jesse.		
8. She goes to dog cafes.		
9. She lives in California.		

2. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Think about Lori and Denise. How are they the same? How are they different?

Lori and Denise are the same because _____

Lori and Denise are different because _____

READ ON TWO

3. **JUST FOR FUN.** Look at the words in the box. With a partner, find and circle the words in the puzzle.

R	L	E	F	A	C	B	T	E	F
E	C	O	D	J	A	D	V	F	A
T	A	O	N	R	B	I	O	Q	V
U	G	N	K	E	S	T	A	C	O
P	E	E	B	N	L	J	K	H	R
M	S	W	E	U	S	Y	U	K	I
O	A	P	A	R	T	M	E	N	T
C	X	E	S	I	C	R	E	X	E
E	P	O	P	U	L	A	R	L	C
R	O	N	P	J	K	N	G	U	D

WORD LIST:

- Apartment
- Bark
- Café
- Cages
- Computer
- Exercise
- Expensive
- Favorite
- Lonely
- Popular

4. **TAKE A SURVEY.** Ask six classmates the question below. Complete the chart with their answers.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A DOG? WHY?			
NAME	YES	NO	REASON
Mari	✓		I love animals.