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Zoo



Pre-Reading

What can you see from the picture?

Look at the picture and write the answers.

1. Do you like to play with animals?
2. Which animal do you like best?



New Words

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| <input type="checkbox"/> toss | to throw around |
| <input type="checkbox"/> psychologist | a person who studies the human mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> beg | to ask for very eagerly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flick | to make a short, sudden movement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> delighted | very pleased |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drench | to make wet |



Reading Track 1



Did you ever get the feeling your dog was laughing at you? New research suggests maybe he was! Dogs make “huffing” noises scientists think is doggie laughter. Dogs make that noise when inviting another animal-or a person-to play. **They** also make it when **tossing** a toy around by themselves.

Patricia Simonet, a Spokane, Washington, **psychologist**, first identified the sound. She recorded various dog sounds on a special machine that also graphs noise. The dog laughs looked different. When she played the sounds back to other dogs, they also reacted positively.

Does laughter mean sense of humor? No one knows for sure yet, but researchers are working to answer the question.

Do great apes have a sense of humor? “Definitely,” says Rob Shumaker, a scientist at the Great Ape Trust in Des Moines, Iowa. At a zoo where he used to work, Shumaker was watering the orangutan cage. It was a hot day. Junior, an adult male, **begged** for a drink. The ape was sitting on a platform higher than Shumaker’s hose could reach, so he **flicked** him some drops. **Delighted**, Junior laughed out loud. A long, playful water fight followed.

Afterwards, Shumaker walked over to say good-bye to Junior, and the laughing ape made one sweep of his arm, **drenching** Shumaker. “**He** totally got me!” said Rob.



Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "**They**" (line 6) refers to _____.
2. The word "**He**" (line 25) refers to _____.



Understanding the Main Idea

Circle the best answer.

1. The main idea of this passage is that _____.
_____.

 - a. dogs are nice to play with
 - b. Patricia Simonet identified many sounds
 - c. animals also make laughing sounds

2. The best title for this passage would be _____.

 - a. Laughing Animals
 - b. A Good Smile
 - c. Dogs and Apes



Understanding Details

Circle the best answer.

1. Patricia Simonet is _____.

 - a. a dog trainer
 - b. a psychologist
 - c. an ape trainer

2. According to the passage, new research suggests that dogs _____.

 - a. like to play with people
 - b. make laughing sounds
 - c. record various sounds

3. When Shumaker flicked Junior some water, Junior _____.

 - a. made an angry noise
 - b. hit Shumaker with his arm
 - c. laughed out loud



Vocabulary Practice

Fill in each blank with one of the words in the list below.

1. My clothes got _____ in the big rain.
2. I'm too tired to get up. Ross, could you _____ me my wallet?
3. It is nice to watch comedy movies because they say that _____ is the best medicine.
4. Frankly, I was very _____ to see my brother at my graduation ceremony.
5. Patricia Simonet likes to record various doggie _____.

toss	sounds	psychologist	laughter	platform
fight	flick	delighted	drenched	sweep



New Phrases

- **sense of humor** : the condition of liking to laugh and have fun
 Lighten up. Where's your **sense of humor**?
 Scientists have found that dogs have a **sense of humor**.
 You should laugh a lot if you want to develop a good **sense of humor**.
- **laugh out loud** : to make loud laughing sounds
 The movie was so funny that I **laughed out loud**.
 You shouldn't **laugh out loud** in front of your teachers.
 Some people say that **laughing out loud** is good for your health.



Making a Summary

This is a summary of the passage.

Fill in the blanks with the right words.



sense of humor one hot day make laughing sounds
recorded various sounds began to laugh

New research suggests that dogs _____ .

Patricia Simonet _____ and found that dogs laugh.

Rob Shumaker says that great apes definitely have a _____ .

_____, Rob flicked Junior some water.

Junior _____ and later drenched Rob with water.



Listening Practice Track 2

Listen to each sentence and fill in the blanks.

1. Research shows that animals, too, _____ .
2. Researchers are trying to find if _____
_____ .
3. _____ , Rob Shumaker _____ the orangutan cage.
4. A great ape named Junior _____ .
5. Rob _____ and Junior began to laugh.



Homework - Writing Practice

Write a short paragraph about your experience playing with a dog. Use the following questions as a guide.

What did you do with the dog?

How did the dog react when you touched it with your hand?

Did it wag its tail? Did it make any sounds?

Based on your experience, do you think dogs make laughing noises?
