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"Dogs may be self-aware"

Have you ever (1) wondered what animals think about? A team of scientists (2) explored this question by investigating whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary (3) set out to determine whether canines have a (4) sense of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather (5) poorly investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental (6) capacity to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their own body (7) exists." His test put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position. The study is published in the (8) journal "Scientific Reports".

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The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to (9) respond to commands from their owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its (10) owner. The dog had to understand it would be (11) unable to take the toy to its owner (12) unless it got off the mat first. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the (13) task. The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the (14) ability to hold information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit (15) object, in relation to other objects in the world". They said this is "one of the fundamental building (16) blocks of self-representation" and that the dogs in the tests exhibited this.

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Answers:

1. I **came** to England in 1993.
2. She **stood** under the tree to shelter from the rain.
3. They **did** their homework yesterday.
4. We **sang** too much last night, I have a sore throat!
5. He already **ate** all the cake.
6. The child **fell** off his bicycle.
7. It **took** three hours to drive to Paris.
8. I **found** your keys under the table.
9. She **got** a new bike for her birthday.
10. She **sold** her house last year.
11. We **went** to New York in January.
12. Finally my mother **let** me go to a party.
13. It **was** cold last night.
14. I **met** John at the weekend.
15. Lucy **paid** the bill, before leaving the restaurant.
16. We **saw** the new film yesterday.
17. She **wore** her new coat to the party.
18. I **thought** my football team would win.
19. They **put** their bags in the bedroom.
20. Billy **ran** after the bus.
21. She **said** that she would come later.
22. I **bought** some books this morning.
23. We **made** a cake, it was delicious.
24. He **sat** on the old chair, and it broke.
25. They **wrote** a letter to their parents.

Answers:

1. Where do you go to school?
2. What do you do?
3. Where does John come from?
4. How long does it take from London to Paris?
5. How often does she go to the cinema?
6. How many children do you have?
7. When do you get up?
8. How often do you study English?
9. What time does the film start?
10. Where do you play tennis?
- ~~11. What sports does Lucy like?~~
- ~~12. How do they get to work?~~
- ~~13. How often do I come here?~~
- ~~14. Where does she live?~~
- ~~15. Why do you eat so much chocolate?~~
- ~~16. What does this machine do?~~
- ~~17. Who does she meet on Saturdays?~~
- ~~18. How many brothers does she have?~~
- ~~19. How much does this cost?~~
20. Where do you eat lunch?

Answers:

1. He drives to work every day.
2. I don't think you're right.
3. Do we have enough time?
4. I eat cereal in the morning.
5. Do they write e-mails every day?
6. You watch a lot of TV.
7. He doesn't read the newspaper.
8. Does she dance often?
9. Where do I come on Mondays?
10. What do you do at the weekend?
- ~~11. You don't drink much tea .~~
- ~~12. How does he travel to work?~~
- ~~13. They don't like vegetables.~~
- ~~14. She catches a cold every winter.~~
- ~~15. Do I go out often?~~
- ~~16. Do you speak English?~~
- ~~17. We take the bus often.~~
- ~~18. She doesn't walk to school.~~
- ~~19. What do you buy in the supermarket?~~
20. How does he carry such a heavy bag?

Answers:

1. I am so **relaxed** I don't want to move.
2. I find horror films really **frightening** and not at all fun to watch.
3. Sometimes I get really **frustrated** when I can't express myself well in English.
4. We were stopped by a man with a knife who took our money. It was **terrifying**.
5. The programme was really **interesting**.
6. She was **overwhelmed** when everyone cheered and we gave her presents.
7. If I feel stressed, I find taking a bath is often **relaxing**.
8. I am really **tired**; I think I'll go to bed.
9. He's very **interested** in history.
10. The trip was **overwhelming**, with so many things to do and it was all so new.
11. She is never **satisfied** with her work.
12. Cleaning is so **tiring**! I think I'll have a rest!
13. She thought the ride on the rollercoaster was **thrilling**.
14. I was really **surprised** when I saw you. I had thought you were on holiday.
15. My grandmother was **shocked** by the man's bad language.
16. My niece **is terrified** of dogs.
17. Thank you so much for the prize! I'm **thrilled**!
18. My job is very **satisfying**, I love helping people.
19. The news was so **shocking** that she burst into tears.
20. My exam results were great! It's really **surprising** but good, of course!

I am used to early mornings

I am used to getting up early

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CLAUSE

Getting up early is boring

I am upset about getting up early

I get up early every morning

~~Gerund~~ after prepositions - exercise 1

<https://www.e-grammar.org/gerund-exercises-pdf/>

Key with answers

Exercise 1

My brother is good at diving.

I'm not very keen on playing computer games.

I have no objection to watching the football match tonight.

She is afraid of losing her boyfriend.

We are fed up doing nothing all the weekend.

I'm tired of waiting in the queues at the airports.

We had difficulty in finding the way to the museum.

Are you interested in building your professional career?

There's no point in buying an old car.

I disapprove of smoking in restaurants.

We are happy about having a new house.

My daughter dreams of | about becoming a film star.

John can't cope with being unemployed.

Sarah is thinking of | about moving to Greg's place.

The children were accused of smashing the window.

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I am used to waking up early

I used to wake up early when I was young

"Japan government creates a minister of loneliness"

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The Japanese government now has a "minister of loneliness". It is the first (1) **time** _____ Japan has had such a minister. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga created the (2) **role** _____ in early February. He asked Tetsushi Sakamoto to fill the new position. Mr Suga wanted to do something about the (3) **rise** _____ in suicide cases. The number of people taking their own lives has risen (4) **during** _____ the pandemic. Japan's National Police Agency (5) **showed** _____ that 20,919 people died by suicide in 2020. This is 750 more than the (6) **previous** _____ year. It is also the first consecutive rise in suicides in 11 years. Mr Sakamoto told reporters: "I hope to promote (7) **activities** _____ that prevent loneliness and social isolation and to improve the (8) **ties** _____ between people."

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The police (9) **agency** _____ reported that there has been a much bigger rise in suicides (10) **among** _____ women and young people. Prime Minister Suga said women have been (11) **struggling** _____ with loneliness since the coronavirus pandemic started in early 2020. He told reporters: "Women are (12) **suffering** _____ from isolation more than men are, and the number of suicides is on a rising (13) **trend** _____." There has been a 70 per cent year-on-year increase in the number of women taking their own (14) **lives** _____. Yoko Suzuki, a 23-year-old designer who lives in Tokyo, said she has suffered from (15) **loneliness** _____ since coronavirus started. She said: "Not seeing people (16) **smile** _____ behind their mask makes me sad and lonely." She added: "I want to see happy faces."

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