

## READING

## 1 Read the article quickly. Choose the best headline.

- A It's a dog's life  
B The rescuers  
C Canine heroes  
D Dogs for all

By John Mortimer

When three-year-old Julia and her pet dog went missing from her home in a village in south-west Poland one Friday evening, everyone feared the worst. Police launched a huge search and more than 200 local people joined them to help find the little girl and her dog. It wasn't until the next morning, five kilometres from Julia's home, that firefighters heard cries. Julia was eventually found, lying in marshland, soaking wet and in freezing temperatures – and by her side was her faithful dog. As rescuers approached, the dog started barking. He had stayed with her all night, kept her warm and saved her life. Julia was quickly taken to hospital, where, in the end, she was only treated for frostbite.



In the UK, an eight-month-old puppy called Geo saved the life of one of his owner's sons. Carly Riley and her three sons were walking along a road with Geo, when they stopped at some traffic lights and waited to cross the road safely. Suddenly, a huge lorry came round the corner and mounted the pavement. One of Mrs Riley's sons, Charlie, was right in the path of the lorry. Geo jumped forward and pushed Charlie away to safety in the nick of time. The lorry hit Geo, who suffered serious injuries but is expected to make a full recovery.



Meanwhile in the USA, a ten-year-old dog called Baby from Oklahoma noticed the house was on fire. She started to bark and jumped on her owners, Rhonda and Evelyn Westerberger, as the flames spread rapidly and smoke filled the rooms. The women escaped without injury. At the last minute, while Baby was outside, she ran back into the burning house and rescued the other family dogs.

## 2 Find words in the text that mean the following:

- an area that is often flooded or that remains full of water  
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- serious damage that very cold temperatures cause especially to fingers, toes and noses  
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- the path for pedestrians at the side of the street  
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- damage to your body often because you have had an accident  
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- the orange or blue parts of a fire that are very hot  
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## 3 Who or what do these sentences describe? Write the names of the people or the dogs.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a young Polish girl who went missing with her dog.
- \_\_\_\_\_ has three sons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was saved in the street by his dog.
- \_\_\_\_\_ suffered serious injuries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was ten years old when she saved her family.
- \_\_\_\_\_ were unaware that a fire had started in their house.

## 4 Which is the smartest pet you have known or heard about? What were they able to do?

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WORD  
ZONE  
EXTRA

## Expressions with time

## 5 Look at the expressions with time. Find two synonymous expressions in the article.

just in time = <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
the eleventh hour = <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

## 6 Write a sentence about something ...

- you often leave to the last minute.  
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- you arrived just in the nick of time for.  
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- that happened to you at the eleventh hour.  
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