

## True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using information found in the book, verify whether the following statements are true or false. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1

Teams of sled dogs are arranged in pairs.

☐ True

☐ False

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Statement 2

Sled dogs are fed once a day.

☐ True

☐ False

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Number

Statement 3

Dog sled racing is a popular sport.

☐ True

☐ False

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Statement 4

Sled dogs live and work individually.

☐ True

☐ False

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Statement 5

Sled dogs do not really mind the cold.

☐ True

☐ False

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## Test Your Knowledge

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Test your knowledge of sled dogs by answering these questions.

1. What is the person who stands on the back of a sled called?

2. What is the name of the award that is given by race veterinarians to the musher who takes the best care of his or her dog team during the Iditarod race?

3. How long does it take to complete a race such as the Iditarod or Yukon Quest?

4. Which word did French Canadian trappers use to tell their dogs to run?





## Fill in the Blanks

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Using the information found in the book, fill in the missing information below.

1. Many sled dogs today are Alaskan .
2. Sled dogs eat meat or , and combinations of fats, oils, and dry dog food.
3. North American Aboriginal people used dog sleds as their main mode of .
4. Sled dogs learn to wear  booties on their feet.
5. Demand for sled dogs increased during the Alaskan  Rush of the late 1800s.
6. At  weeks old, a sled dog puppy is introduced to a harness, which it wears around its body.





## Know Your Numbers

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Complete the statements by entering the correct number in the box.

During races, sled dogs eat up to this many calories of food a day, which is five times more than the average person eats.

**1,000**

Races such as the Iditarod and Yukon Quest cover approximately this many miles.

**2010**

Dogs have pulled sleds for more than these many years.

**1,000**

The first Jamaican sled dog team competed in the Iditarod with driver "Mushin' Mon" Newton Marshall in this year.

**1925**

The Great Race of Mercy took place in this year.

**10,000**





## Write a Letter

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Think about what it would be like to train and handle a sled dog. Imagine you are a handler, and you are training your dog to pull a sled. Write a letter to a friend describing your job. The letter should describe the kinds of things you and your dog do to train. How might you prepare your dog to pull all sorts of things across icy or snowy terrain? What kind of atmosphere will you and your dog be working in?





## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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1

What is the special name for a dog sled driver?

2

What did early sled dogs transport?

3

What event in the late 1800s increased the demand for sled dogs?

4

How many calories must a racing dog consume each day during racing season?

5

Which two inventions decreased the need for sled dogs as transportation in the North?

6

What are the dogs at the front of a team called?

7

What do the terms "gee" and "haw" mean?

8

Where is the statue of Balto located?

9

In what state did the 1925 outbreak of diphtheria take place?

10

How long was the Great Race of Mercy?





## Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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Aboriginal  
calories  
gangline  
harnessed  
lead dog

miners  
terrain  
towline  
transportation

**Your Score is**  **%**  
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1.   
the main rope or line to which sled dogs are harnessed

6.   
original inhabitant

2.   
a rope or cable used for pulling a sled

7.   
units of energy

3.   
fastened to a sled by a set of straps

8.   
the act of transporting or moving something

4.   
people who work underground in a mine to obtain minerals, such as gold, coal, or diamonds

9.   
the dog at the front of the team

5.   
a stretch of land

