

MILITARY ANIMALS

Lesson Plan

Dog Jobs

Lesson Plan for *Military Animals*

Grade 3

Objective

To help students practice sorting information into categories.

Things Needed

- *Military Animals* book
- Access to the “Military Animals” web page on the Pop! website:
<https://popbooksonline.com/inside-the-military/military-animals>
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Write the following sentences on the whiteboard:

- The dogs carry a box of supplies on their backs.
- Dogs learn to be quiet and hide.
- Militaries train dogs to find bombs.
- Dogs jump out of helicopters.
- The dog uses its sense of smell to sniff for bombs.
- The dogs find soldiers who have been hurt and bring them supplies.
- The dog walks ahead of the handler along the side of a road.
- Dogs watch for enemies.
- Militaries train dogs to carry medical supplies.
- Soldiers take supplies from the box and use the supplies to treat their wounds.
- Some dogs bite enemies.
- The dog gives a signal to tell the handler whether it is safe.



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Activity

Dogs do many jobs in militaries. To learn about some of them, read the *Military Animals* book as a class. Then, pull up the “Watch a Video” tab of the “Military Animals” web page. Watch the video as a class, and choose a student to read the caption. Point out how the author of this caption has grouped similar information together. All the text describes the steps dogs use to detect bombs.

Today, students will practice sorting information into appropriate categories. First, have students draw two lines down a sheet of paper to divide it into three equal sections. They should give each section one of the following titles:

- Detecting Bombs
- Carrying Supplies
- Other Jobs

Next, ask students to read through the sentences on the whiteboard. Students should copy each sentence to their sheet of paper. They should write it under the title that best describes the category of information that sentence contains.

Evaluation

Collect students’ papers and use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each fact they sort into the appropriate category.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ writing standards, grade 3 (W 3.8).

Answer Key

Detecting Bombs

- Militaries train dogs to find bombs.
- The dog walks ahead of the handler along the side of a road.
- The dog uses its sense of smell to sniff for bombs.
- The dog gives a signal to tell the handler whether it is safe.

Carrying Supplies

- Militaries train dogs to carry medical supplies.
- The dogs carry a box of supplies on their backs.
- The dogs find soldiers who have been hurt and bring them supplies.
- Soldiers take supplies from the box and use the supplies to treat their wounds.



Other Jobs

- Dogs jump out of helicopters.
- Dogs watch for enemies.
- Dogs learn to be quiet and hide.
- Some dogs bite enemies.



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