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# READING: Bucky Walked Home!

## Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|-------------------|----------|--|
| 1. state          | <u>E</u> | A. something that has computer memory or information       |
| 2. allow (v.)     | _____    | B. to become invisible; to become not seen                 |
| 3. disappear (v.) | _____    | C. a very long trip from one place to another              |
| 4. search (v.)    | _____    | D. a person trained to take care of sick people or animals |
| 5. thin           | _____    | E. for example: California, New York, Louisiana ...        |
| 6. journey        | _____    | F. with little muscle or fat on the body                   |
| 7. nurse          | _____    | G. to let someone do something                             |
| 8. computer chip  | _____    | H. to look for   |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms (-s) when necessary.

1. I can't find my book. Where is it? Did it just disappear?
2. You look very \_\_\_\_\_. You should eat more.
3. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ me to watch TV only after I finish my homework.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ across the USA by car takes several days.
5. I want to work as a \_\_\_\_\_, or maybe a doctor, at a hospital.
6. I don't like my job. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ for a new job.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ are small, but they often have important information.
8. How many \_\_\_\_\_ are there in the United States of America?

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

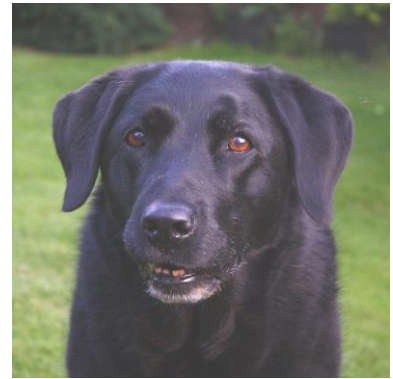
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## READING

Topic: Animals

# Bucky Walked Home!



Mark Wessels lives in the **state**<sup>1</sup> of South Carolina and has a dog called Bucky. In January 2012, Mark gave Bucky to his father who lives in the state of Virginia, almost 500 miles away. Mark was sad when he said good-bye to his three-year-old dog, but there was nothing he could do. The new apartment building that he moved to did not **allow**<sup>2</sup> dogs to live there. However, not long after Bucky moved to Virginia, he **disappeared**<sup>3</sup>. Mark's father **searched**<sup>4</sup> everywhere for him, but he couldn't find the dog. Where was Bucky? Bucky was back in South Carolina! When Brett Gallagher found him six months later, he was very **thin**<sup>5</sup>, but he was okay, even after a **journey**<sup>6</sup> of almost 500 miles. Mr. Gallagher brought the dog to an animal hospital where a **nurse**<sup>7</sup> found a small **computer chip**<sup>8</sup> in the dog's ear. The chip had Mark Wessel's phone number, and soon the two were back together again. Mark was very happy to see his dog again. He said, "I thought I was going to cry." No one is really sure how Bucky found his way back to South Carolina. Mark, who now lives with Bucky, says his dog is "just really smart".

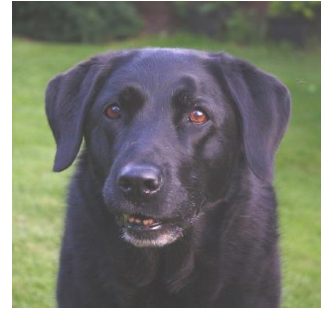
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## READING

### Grammar Practice

# Bucky Walked Home!



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**1.**

- (A) having
- (B) have
- (C) has

**2.**

- (A) gave
- (B) gives
- (C) give

**3.**

- (A) was
- (B) were
- (C) had

**4.**

- (A) does
- (B) did
- (C) do

**5.**

- (A) they're
- (B) their
- (C) there

**6.**

- (A) before
- (B) after
- (C) while

**7.**

- (A) found
- (B) find
- (C) finds

**8.**

- (A) When
- (B) Who
- (C) What

**9.**

- (A) from
- (B) at
- (C) in

**10.**

- (A) was
- (B) were
- (C) are

**11.**

- (A) see
- (B) seen
- (C) saw

**12.**

- (A) where
- (B) when
- (C) who

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# READING: Bucky Walked Home!

## How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Wessels lives in the state of Virginia.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mark gave his dog to his father.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mark looked everywhere for his dog.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Bucky didn't eat much food for six months.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ A nurse found Bucky.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Mark was very sad and started to cry.

## Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. How do you think Bucky found his way back to South Carolina?
2. Do you think dogs are smart? Why? / Why not?
3. What is the best kind of pet to have? Why?

## Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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**Lesson "Bucky Walked Home!"**

**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes Past Simple)

**Vocabulary** 204 words  
**A1** words-71% / **A2** words-15% / **B1** words-4% / **B2** words-2%  
**AWL** words in this text: *computer*  
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

**Level** Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

**ANSWER KEY Page 1**

*My Notes*



● **Vocabulary Preview**

- |      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 1. E | 1. disappear      |
| 2. G | 2. thin           |
| 3. B | 3. allow          |
| 4. H | 4. journey        |
| 5. F | 5. nurse          |
| 6. C | 6. search         |
| 7. D | 7. Computer chips |
| 8. A | 8. states         |

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**ANSWER KEY Page 4**

● **Grammar (Article)**

- |      |       |
|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. B  |
| 2. A | 8. A  |
| 3. A | 9. C  |
| 4. C | 10. B |
| 5. C | 11. A |
| 6. B | 12. C |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*Mark lives in South Carolina.*)
2. T
3. F (*Mark's father looked everywhere for his dog.*)
4. T
5. F (*Brett Gallagher found Bucky.*)
6. F (*He was happy.*)

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