



Wag a Tale

Would you read to a dog? Dogs are sometimes taken to places where they can help people feel better. Dogs go into nursing homes and hospitals and even into schools now. People begin to feel better when they are able to pat dogs. A wagging tail makes everyone smile!

But now there are schools where students read to dogs. The teachers have found that students read for much longer when they read to dogs. Reading more, the teachers know, has helped students read faster and enjoy their reading. No one knows yet if these students really are better readers. But students in these programs certainly think so. They read to dogs every day!



DAR Levels 0–2

Strategy: Listening Comprehension

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Passage Title: _____ Passage Level: _____

Record the student’s response to the following:

Tell me what the story was about.

Rate the student’s response using the following rubric:

Good response

Shows understanding of information from the passage

Fair response

Shows limited understanding of information from the passage

Poor response

Shows lack of understanding or misunderstanding of information from the passage

<p>During this activity, the student seemed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Actively engaged<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat engaged<input type="checkbox"/> Passively cooperative<input type="checkbox"/> Not interested<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<p>Additional Comments:</p>
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