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## **Level 4**

### **Dogs dream about their owners, says scientist**

**24th October, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161024-dog-dreams-4.html>

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161024-dog-dreams-4.html>

An expert thinks she knows the secret of what dogs dream about. A psychologist did research into dog dreams. She concluded that dogs dream about their owners. She also said dog dreams were similar to human dreams. She said humans and dogs dream about things that interested them during the day. She added: "It's likely your dog is dreaming of your face, your smell and of pleasing or annoying you." She said pets need happy experiences so they have nice dreams.

The psychologist said we don't know what dogs or humans see in their dreams. Research is based on the fact that dogs and humans have a sleep cycle. This includes a period of activity called REM (Rapid Eye Movement). This is when we dream. The psychologist said dogs probably dream during their REM. She also said dogs move about while they are asleep because they are acting out their dreams. Their legs move in a running motion.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/dog-dreaming-about-you-owners-psychologist-harvard-a7373571.html>  
<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/183351/20161022/your-dog-is-likely-dreaming-about-you-says-harvard-psychologist.htm>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161024-dog-dreams-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. An expert thinks she knows       | a. they have nice dreams |
| 2. A psychologist did               | b. about their owners    |
| 3. She concluded that dogs dream    | c. that interested them  |
| 4. dog dreams were similar          | d. of your face          |
| 5. dogs dream about things          | e. research              |
| 6. It's likely your dog is dreaming | f. or annoying you       |
| 7. pleasing                         | g. to human dreams       |
| 8. pets need happy experiences so   | h. the secret            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The psychologist said      | a. they are asleep     |
| 2. Research is based          | b. out their dreams    |
| 3. dogs and humans have a     | c. activity called REM |
| 4. This includes a period of  | d. in a running motion |
| 5. dogs probably dream during | e. on the fact         |
| 6. dogs move about while      | f. we don't know       |
| 7. they are acting            | g. their REM           |
| 8. Their legs move            | h. sleep cycle         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs dream about their owners. She also said dog dreams (3) \_\_\_\_\_ human dreams. She said humans and dogs dream (4) \_\_\_\_\_ interested them during the day. She added: "It's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is dreaming of your face, your smell and of pleasing or annoying you." She said pets need happy experiences so they (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The psychologist said we don't (7) \_\_\_\_\_ or humans see in their dreams. Research is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ fact that dogs and humans have a sleep cycle. This includes a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ called REM (10) \_\_\_\_\_). This is when we dream. The psychologist said dogs probably (11) \_\_\_\_\_ REM. She also said dogs move about while they are asleep because they are acting out their dreams. Their legs move in a (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DREAMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dreams in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161024-dog-dreams-4.html>

Write about **dreams** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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