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## Level 6

### Dogs dream about their owners, says scientist

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# THE ARTICLE

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Dr Barrett stated that there is no way of knowing for certain what dogs see when they dream. Research isn't even close to disclosing that mystery with human dreams. Her conclusions are based on the fact that canines and other mammals have a sleep cycle that is similar to the human cycle. This includes a period of activity called REM (Rapid Eye Movement), which is the part of the sleep cycle when humans dream. She said: "That certainly makes it the best guess that other mammals are dreaming too." Dr Barrett also explained the reason that dogs move their legs while they are asleep. She said they are probably acting out their dreams so their legs move in a running motion in their sleep.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. DREAMS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dreams. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

expert / secret / psychologist / canine / dreams / animals / pleasing / annoying / certain / mystery / conclusions / mammals / REM / guess / acting / running / motion

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. RECORD:** Students A **strongly** believe it would be great to be able to record our dreams and watch them; Students B **strongly** believe this would be terrible. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MEANINGS:** What are the meanings of these common dreams? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Dreaming about...	Possible meanings	Why?
falling		
being chased		
being naked in public		
teeth falling out		
being late		
being in a strange place		

**5. DOG:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "dog". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. DOG DREAMS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things dogs might dream about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- steak
- owners
- cats
- bones
- running
- hunting
- beds
- nature

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A vet at Harvard thinks she knows what dogs dream about. **T / F**
- b. A scientist said dog dreams and human dreams are probably similar. **T / F**
- c. The scientist said dogs are the only animals that have dreams. **T / F**
- d. The scientist said it is likely dogs dream about their owners' smell. **T / F**
- e. Research is a long way from understanding human dreams. **T / F**
- f. Dogs have a dream cycle similar to the human dream cycle. **T / F**
- g. REM is the phase of sleep in which we do not dream. **T / F**
- h. Dogs move their legs while asleep mostly because they get cramp. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. expert</b>     | a. encouraged |
| <b>2. uncovered</b>  | b. fond of    |
| <b>3. comparable</b> | c. puzzle     |
| <b>4. attached</b>   | d. revealed   |
| <b>5. advised</b>    | e. movement   |
| <b>6. mystery</b>    | f. specialist |
| <b>7. based</b>      | g. sequence   |
| <b>8. cycle</b>      | h. estimate   |
| <b>9. guess</b>      | i. built      |
| <b>10. motion</b>    | j. similar    |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. An expert believes she has uncovered        | a. knowing for certain   |
| 2. canine dreams were comparable               | b. to their human owners |
| 3. There's no reason to think animals          | c. other mammals         |
| 4. dogs are generally extremely attached       | d. pet owners            |
| 5. The psychologist even advised               | e. in a running motion   |
| 6. there is no way of                          | f. are any different     |
| 7. close to disclosing that                    | g. cycle                 |
| 8. canines and                                 | h. the secret            |
| 9. part of the sleep                           | i. to those we have      |
| 10. acting out their dreams so their legs move | j. mystery               |

# GAP FILL

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

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*among*  
*reason*  
*annoying*  
*uncovered*  
*daytime*  
*conducted*  
*extremely*  
*comparable*

Dr Barrett stated that there is no way of knowing for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ what dogs see when they dream. Research isn't even close to disclosing that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with human dreams. Her conclusions are based on the fact that canines and other (11) \_\_\_\_\_ have a sleep cycle that is similar to the human (12) \_\_\_\_\_. This includes a period of activity called REM (Rapid Eye Movement), which is the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of the sleep cycle when humans dream. She said: "That certainly makes it the best (14) \_\_\_\_\_ that other mammals are dreaming too." Dr Barrett also explained the reason that dogs move their legs while they are asleep. She said they are probably (15) \_\_\_\_\_ out their dreams so their legs move in a running (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in their sleep.

*part*  
*mystery*  
*acting*  
*cycle*  
*certain*  
*motion*  
*mammals*  
*guess*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An expert believes she has uncovered the secret of \_\_\_\_\_ about
  - a. what dogs dreamt
  - b. what dogs dreams
  - c. what dogs dream
  - d. what dogs dreaming
- 2) concluded that, among other things, dogs dream \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about their owners
  - b. about them owners
  - c. about these owners
  - d. about those owners
- 3) Since dogs are generally extremely \_\_\_\_\_ human owners
  - a. attracted to their
  - b. attached to their
  - c. a tacked to their
  - d. attacked to their
- 4) your dog is dreaming of your face, your smell and of pleasing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. or annoy in you
  - b. or annoys in you
  - c. or annoyance you
  - d. or annoying you
- 5) give their pets happy daytime experiences to make sure they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have a nice dreams
  - b. have a nice dream
  - c. have nice dream
  - d. have nice dreams
- 6) Research isn't even close to disclosing that \_\_\_\_\_ dreams
  - a. mystery within human
  - b. mysteries with human
  - c. mystery with human
  - d. mystery with humane
- 7) canines and other mammals have a sleep cycle that is similar to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the human cycle
  - b. the human cycles
  - c. the human cycled
  - d. the human cyclist
- 8) a period of activity called REM (Rapid Eye Movement), which is the part of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the sleeping cycle
  - b. the sleeps cycle
  - c. the sleep cycle
  - d. the sleeper cycle
- 9) That certainly makes it the best guess that other mammals \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are dreaming too
  - b. are day-dreaming too
  - c. are dreamers too
  - d. are dream in too
- 10) they are probably acting out their dreams so their legs move in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a run in motion
  - b. a ruining motion
  - c. a running motion
  - d. a running in motion

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the profession of the expert?
2. At which school does the expert work?
3. What did the expert say dog dreams were comparable to?
4. What did the expert say dogs were generally attached to?
5. What experiences did the expert advise pet owners to give their dogs?
6. What mystery did the article say scientists are not close to disclosing?
7. What kind of cycle is similar with humans and dogs?
8. What happens during the sleep phase called Rapid Eye Movement?
9. What else did the expert say had dreams?
10. What kind of motion did the article say dogs made in their sleep?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the profession of the expert?
  - a) dog trainer
  - b) vet
  - c) professional dreamer
  - d) psychologist
- 2) At which school does the expert work?
  - a) Dogsville
  - b) Harvard
  - c) Cambridge
  - d) Tokyo
- 3) What did the expert say dog dreams were comparable to?
  - a) Hollywood B-movies
  - b) kaleidoscopes
  - c) human dreams
  - d) cartoons
- 4) What did the expert say dogs were generally attached to?
  - a) their owners
  - b) leads
  - c) bones
  - d) gates
- 5) What experiences did the expert advise pet owners to give their dogs?
  - a) travel
  - b) fulfilling experiences
  - c) happy daytime experiences
  - d) out-of-this-world experiences
- 6) What mystery did the article say scientists are not close to disclosing?
  - a) who killed Tutankhamen
  - b) human dreams
  - c) the Bermuda Triangle
  - d) why dogs chase cats
- 7) What kind of cycle is similar with humans and dogs?
  - a) lunch and dinner
  - b) a big one
  - c) a unicycle
  - d) sleep
- 8) What happens during the sleep phase called Rapid Eye Movement?
  - a) dreaming
  - b) running
  - c) heavy breathing
  - d) sweating
- 9) What else did the expert say had dreams?
  - a) ants
  - b) tuna
  - c) other mammals
  - d) ostriches
- 10) What kind of motion did the article say dogs made in their sleep?
  - a) a tail wagging motion
  - b) a running motion
  - c) a panting motion
  - d) a dancing motion

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Steak**

You think dogs most like to dream about steak. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why dogs wouldn't like to dream about their things. Also, tell the others which of these dogs would least like to dream about (and why): cats, hunting or nature.

## **Role B – Cats**

You think dogs most like to dream about cats. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why dogs wouldn't like to dream about their things. Also, tell the others which of these dogs would least like to dream about (and why): steak, hunting or nature.

## **Role C – Hunting**

You think dogs most like to dream about hunting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why dogs wouldn't like to dream about their things. Also, tell the others which of these dogs would least like to dream about (and why): cats, steak or nature.

## **Role D – Nature**

You think dogs most like to dream about nature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why dogs wouldn't like to dream about their things. Also, tell the others which of these dogs would least like to dream about (and why): cats, hunting or steak.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'dog' and 'dream'.

<b>dog</b>	<b>dream</b>

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• secret</li><li>• research</li><li>• same</li><li>• different</li><li>• smell</li><li>• happy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• way</li><li>• close</li><li>• similar</li><li>• certainly</li><li>• reason</li><li>• running</li></ul>
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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.

## DREAMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'dream'?
3. What do you dream about?
4. Why do we dream?
5. Is there any reason why animals would not dream?
6. What do your dreams mean?
7. What different things might dogs dream about?
8. Would you like to record and watch your dreams?
9. What do you think of research into dog dreams?
10. What can you do to make sure you have nice dreams?

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## DREAMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Would you like to see what dogs dream about?
13. How much of a mystery are dreams?
14. Do you have a regular sleep cycle?
15. Why do some people never remember their dreams?
16. Why do we have nightmares?
17. How much do you move about in bed?
18. What's your favourite dream?
19. What do you think a dog's favourite dream would be?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researcher?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                   |                 |               |               |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) believes      | (b) beliefs     | (c) believers | (d) belies    |
| 2.  | (a) contracted    | (b) constricted | (c) conducted | (d) combusted |
| 3.  | (a) many          | (b) betwixt     | (c) between   | (d) among     |
| 4.  | (a) of            | (b) to          | (c) as        | (d) at        |
| 5.  | (a) extraordinary | (b) exclaiming  | (c) extremity | (d) extremely |
| 6.  | (a) ever          | (b) every       | (c) even      | (d) event     |
| 7.  | (a) as            | (b) for         | (c) be        | (d) on        |
| 8.  | (a) disclosing    | (b) disclosure  | (c) discloses | (d) disclosed |
| 9.  | (a) to            | (b) as          | (c) of        | (d) at        |
| 10. | (a) position      | (b) stop        | (c) period    | (d) full      |
| 11. | (a) role          | (b) on          | (c) up        | (d) out       |
| 12. | (a) on            | (b) in          | (c) as        | (d) of        |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. An treepx believes she has uncovered the secret
2. a pocoystiglhs at Harvard Medical School
3. canine dreams were campealbro to those we have
4. dogs are generally extremely aaetcdht
5. pleasing or nganiyno
6. happy daytime einpsrecede

## Paragraph 2

7. no way of knowing for einrtca
8. close to iclidnosgs that mystery
9. Her isoscnlcnou are based on the fact
10. similar to the human lccye
11. other lsmamma are dreaming too
12. their legs move in a running ointom



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) too." Dr Barrett also explained the reason that dogs move their legs while they are asleep. She said they are
- ( ) about their owners. Dr Barrett said canine dreams were comparable to those we have: "Humans dream about
- ( ) different. Since dogs are generally extremely attached to their human owners, it's likely your dog is dreaming of your
- ( ) cycle when humans dream. She said: "That certainly makes it the best guess that other mammals are dreaming
- ( ) to disclosing that mystery with human dreams. Her conclusions are based on the fact that canines and other
- ( ) activity called REM (Rapid Eye Movement), which is the part of the sleep
- ( **1** ) An expert believes she has uncovered the secret of what dogs dream about. Dr Deirdre Barrett, a psychologist
- ( ) the same things they're interested in by day....There's no reason to think animals are any
- ( ) mammals have a sleep cycle that is similar to the human cycle. This includes a period of
- ( ) Dr Barrett stated that there is no way of knowing for certain what dogs see when they dream. Research isn't even close
- ( ) at Harvard Medical School, conducted research into dog dreams and concluded that, among other things, dogs dream
- ( ) face, your smell and of pleasing or annoying you." The psychologist even advised pet
- ( ) owners to give their pets "happy daytime experiences" to make sure they have nice dreams.
- ( ) probably acting out their dreams so their legs move in a running motion in their sleep.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. secret the uncovered has She about dream dogs what of .
2. other about things their , owners dogs Among dream .
3. comparable we said were those Barrett dreams to have canine
4. to different think There's animals no are reason any .
5. give happy Advised to pets experiences owners their daytime pet .
6. is no way of knowing for certain what dogs see There .
7. disclosing to close even isn't Research mystery that .
8. cycle human the to similar is that cycle sleep a have Mammals .
9. are asleep The reason that dogs move their legs while they .
10. said out they their are dreams probably She acting .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

An expert believes she has uncovered the *secret* / *secretive* of what dogs dream about. Dr Deirdre Barrett, a psychologist at Harvard Medical School, conducted research *onto* / *into* dog dreams and *conclusion* / *concluded* that, among *another* / *other* things, dogs dream about their owners. Dr Barrett said canine dreams were *comparable* / *comparatively* to those we have: "Humans dream about the same things they're *interesting* / *interested* in by day....There's no reason to think animals are *any* / *some* different. Since dogs are generally *extremely* / *extremity* attached to their human owners, it's likely your dog is dreaming of your face, your smell and of pleasing or annoying you." The psychologist *ever* / *even* advised pet owners to give their pets "happy daytime experiences" to make *sure* / *surely* they have nice dreams.

Dr Barrett stated that there is *no* / *known* way of knowing for *certainly* / *certain* what dogs see when they dream. Research isn't even close to disclosing *that* / *what* mystery with human dreams. Her *conclusions* / *concludes* are based on the fact that canines and other *annals* / *mammals* have a sleep cycle that is *similar* / *similarity* to the human cycle. This includes a period of activity called REM (Rapid Eye Movement), which is the part of the sleep cycle when *humans* / *humane* dream. She said: "That certainly makes it the best guess that other mammals are *dreamt* / *dreaming* too." Dr Barrett also explained the reason that dogs move their legs while they are asleep. She said they are probably acting *up* / *out* their dreams so their legs move in a running *motion* / *lotion* in their sleep.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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

\_n \_xp\_r\_t b\_l\_\_v\_s sh\_ h\_s \_nc\_v\_r\_d th\_ s\_cr\_t \_f  
wh\_t d\_gs dr\_\_m \_b\_\_t. Dr D\_\_rdr\_ B\_rr\_tt, \_  
psych\_l\_g\_st \_t H\_rv\_rd M\_d\_c\_l Sch\_\_l, c\_nd\_ct\_d  
r\_s\_\_rch \_nt\_ d\_g dr\_\_ms \_nd c\_ncl\_d\_d th\_t, \_m\_ng  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# FREE WRITING

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

Write about **dreams** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

Ruled writing area with 21 horizontal lines.

# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Scientists should never give us the ability to see our dreams. Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about dog dreams. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. DREAMS:** Make a poster about dreams. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. UNLOCKING DREAMS:** Write a magazine article about the dangers of unlocking dreams. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for being able to see dreams and with people who are against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on dreams. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what dreams mean. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d T    e T    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. expert      | a. specialist |
| 2. uncovered   | b. revealed   |
| 3. comparable  | c. similar    |
| 4. attached to | d. fond of    |
| 5. advised     | e. encouraged |
| 6. mystery     | f. puzzle     |
| 7. based       | g. built      |
| 8. cycle       | h. sequence   |
| 9. guess       | i. estimate   |
| 10. motion     | j. movement   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A psychologist
2. Harvard Medical School
3. Human dreams
4. Their owners
5. Happy daytime experiences
6. Human dreams
7. The sleep cycle
8. Dreams
9. Other mammals
10. A running motion

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)