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## Level 6 - 23rd February, 2021 <br> Dogs may be self-aware

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## Please try Levels 4 and 5 (they are easier).

## THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness.html

Have you ever wondered what animals think about? A team of scientists explored this question by investigating whether dogs have selfawareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary set out to determine whether canines have a sense of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather poorly investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental capacity to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their own body exists." His test put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position. The study is published in the journal "Scientific Reports".

The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to respond to commands from their owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its owner. The dog had to understand it would be unable to take the toy to its owner unless it got off the mat first. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the task. The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the ability to hold information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit object, in relation to other objects in the world". They said this is "one of the fundamental building blocks of self-representation" and that the dogs in the tests exhibited this.

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## WARM-UPS

1. SELF-AWARENESS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about self-awareness. 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?
wondered / scientists / question / dogs / self-awareness / body / cognition / journal / tests / commands / owners / mat / information / object / building blocks / mind

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.
3. DOG RESEARCH: Students A strongly believe research into dog self-awareness is important; Students $B$ strongly believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
4. ANIMALS: What do you you think these animals think about? What special skills do they have? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|  | Thoughts | Skills |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Dogs |  |  |
| Ants |  |  |
| Dolphins |  |  |
| Rabbits |  |  |
| Snakes |  |  |
| Eagles |  |  |

5. THINK: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "think". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
6. PETS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Dog
- Goldfish
- Rabbit
- Tarantula
- Cat
- Parrot
- Horse
- Tortoise


## VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

1. wondered
2. explored
3. canine
4. determine
5. cognition
6. capacity
7. exists

## Paragraph 2

8. respond
9. command
10. issue
11. sense
12. explicit
13. fundamental
14. exhibited
a. Inquired into or discussed a subject or issue in detail.
b. Find out exactly, usually as a result of research or calculation.
c. Live: be on Earth.
d. Related to or resembling a dog or dogs.
e. The ability or power to do, experience, or understand something.
f. Desired or was curious to know something.
g. The mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding.
h. An order to do something.
i. An important topic or problem for debate or discussion.
j. Showed.
k. Stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.
I. A function of the mind and body by which someone or knows and understands an external stimulus.
m. Say or do something in reply.
n. Basic.

## BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if $a$-h below are true ( $T$ ) or false ( $F$ ).
a. A team of scientists investigated self-analysis in dogs. T/F
b. Researchers looked into whether canines had a sense of body awareness. T/F
c. A researcher said there is much research into dog cognition. T/F
d. The study is published in a journal called "Canine Reports". T/F
e. The research looked at self-awareness in over 540 dogs. T/F
f. Dogs had to get off a mat and take a toy to their owner. T/F
g. A researcher said dogs understand they are an explicit object. T/F
h. Researchers said dogs exhibited self-representation in tests. T/F

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

1. wondered
a. conscious
2. explored
b. thought
3. canines
c. feeling
4. cognition
d. basic
5. aware
e. reflected on
6. commands
f. fixed
7. attached
g. dogs
8. sense
h. orders
9. fundamental
i. showed
10. exhibited
j. investigated

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

1. scientists explored
2. canines
3. a rather poorly
4. mental
5. The study is published in the
6. The scientists conducted
7. respond to commands
8. the ability to
9. in relation
10. dogs in the tests
a. exhibited this
b. capacity
c. tests on 54 dogs
d. hold information
e. have a sense
f. to other objects
g. journal "Scientific Reports"
h. from their owners
i. investigated area
j. this question

## GAP FILL

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness.html

Have you ever (1) $\qquad$ what animals think about?

A team of scientists
(2) $\qquad$ this question by investigating whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary (3) $\qquad$ out to determine whether canines have a (4) $\qquad$ of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather (5) $\qquad$ investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental (6) ___ to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their own body (7) $\qquad$ ." His test put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position. The study is published in the (8) $\qquad$ "Scientific Reports".

The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to (9) $\qquad$ to commands from their owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its (10) $\qquad$ . The dog had to understand it would be (11) $\qquad$ to take the toy to its owner (12) $\qquad$ it got off the mat first. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the (13) $\qquad$ . The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the (14) $\qquad$ to hold information about one's own body
exists
poorly
explored
sense capacity
wondered
journal
set
unless
ability
respond
blocks
owner
task
object
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## LISTENING - Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness.html

1) Researchers from a university in Hungary set out to determine $\qquad$
a. whether canine have
b. whether cane nines have
c. whether cane nine have
d. whether canines have
2) Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team $\qquad$
a. conduct it the study
b. conducting the study
c. conducted the study
d. contracted the study
3) Self-awareness is a rather poorly investigated area $\qquad$
a. of dog recognition
b. offer dog cognition
c. offer dog recognition
d. of dog cognition
4) capacity to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their $\qquad$
a. own body exist
b. own body exists
c. own body existence
d. own body exits
5) The study is published $\qquad$
a. in a journal
b. in that journal
c. in them journal
d. in the journal
6) conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to $\qquad$
a. respond to commands
b. respond two commands
c. responds two commands
d. respond too commands
7) Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy $\qquad$
a. to their owner
b. twits owner
c. to wits owner
d. to its owner
8) take the toy to its owner unless it got off $\qquad$
a. the mat fast
b. the matte first
c. them at first
d. the mat first
9) the ability to hold information about one's own body in mind, as $\qquad$
a. an implicit object
b. an explicit object
c. an explicitly object
d. an explicit object
10) building blocks of self-representation" and that the dogs in the $\qquad$
a. tests inhibited this
b. tests exhibited these
c. tests exhibited this
d. tests inhibited these

## LISTENING - Listen and fill in the gaps

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness.html

1. Where is the university that conducted this research?
2. What did a researcher say was poorly investigated?
3. What kind of capacity did a researcher say body awareness is?
4. What did the tests try to make dogs aware of?
5. What is the name of the journal the study is published in?
6. How many dogs did scientists have in the tests?
7. What did dogs have to give to their owners?
8. What did many of the dogs understand?
9. What thing did a researcher say self-awareness allowed us to hold?
10. What kinds of blocks were mentioned in the article?

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) Where is the university that conducted this research?
a) Romania
b) Bulgaria
c) Hungary
d) Austria
2) What did a researcher say was poorly investigated?
a) self-awareness
b) dogs
c) psychology
d) animals
3) What kind of capacity did a researcher say body awareness is?
a) physical capacity
b) mental capacity
c) overcapacity
d) under-capacity
4) What did the tests try to make dogs aware of?
a) other dogs
b) the world
c) their intelligence
d) their body position
5) What is the name of the journal the study is published in?
a) Canine Reports
b) Dog Reports
c) Scientific Reports
d) Psychology Reports
6) How many dogs did scientists have in the tests?
a) 53
b) 54
c) 52
d) 55
7) What did dogs have to give to their owners?
a) a bone
b) a ball
c) a book
d) a toy
8) What did many of the dogs understand?
a) language
b) the issue
c) psychology
d) who they were
9) What thing did a researcher say self-awareness allowed us to hold?
a) toys
b) information
c) balls
d) bones
10) What kinds of blocks were mentioned in the article?
a) building blocks
b) Lego
c) blocks of concrete
d) toy blocks

## ROLE PLAY

## Role A - Dogs

You think dogs are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): goldfish, parrots or tortoises.

## Role B-Goldfish

You think goldfish are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): dogs, parrots or tortoises.

## Role C - Parrots

You think parrots are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): goldfish, dogs or tortoises.

## Role D - Tortoises

You think tortoises are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): goldfish, parrots or dogs.

## AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

| dog | aware |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |

- 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:

- wondered
- 54
- university
- respond
- explained
- area
- action
- understand
- position
- task
- mind
- exhibited


## SELF-AWARENESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about self-awareness 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.


## DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dog'?
3. What do you think of dogs?
4. What do you know about self-awareness?
5. How self-aware are you?
6. How self-aware do you think dogs are?
7. How intelligent are dogs?
8. What do you think dogs think about?
9. What do you think dogs worry about?
10. What questions would you like to ask a dog?

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## DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)
11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'self'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the expression: 'A dog is man's best friend'?
15. Is a dog or a cat a better pet?
16. How can we make dogs more self-aware?
17. How important is this research?
18. How would life change if you were more self-aware?
19. What questions might dogs like to ask humans?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)
1.
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$
5. $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$
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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)
1.
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$
5. $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$

## LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Have you ever (1) $\qquad$ what animals think about? A team of scientists explored this question by investigating whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary set (2) $\qquad$ to determine whether canines have a sense of (3) $\qquad$ and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a (4) ___ poorly investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental capacity to organize someone's action (5) $\qquad$ taking in consideration their own body exists." His test put dogs in situations that would (6) $\qquad$ them aware of their body position. The study is published in the journal "Scientific Reports".

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

1. 

(a) wandering
(b) wandered
(c) wondered
(d) wonder
2.
(a) out
(b) in
(c) down
(d) by
3.
(a) self
(b) other
(c) service
(d) selfish
4.
(a) rather
(b) minor
(c) major
(d) prefer
5.
(a) to
(b) of
(c) at
(d) by
6.
(a) form
(b) be
(c) do
(d) make
7.
(a) on
(b) at
(c) of
(d) in
8.
(a) arched
(b) attached
(c) attacked
(d) attaché
9.
(a) useless
(b) nonetheless
(c) unless
(d) nevertheless
10.
(a) fold
(b) bold
(c) mold
(d) hold
11.
(a) by
(b) at
(c) of
(d) to
12.
(a) inhibited
(b) exhibited
(c) imbibed
(d) exited

## SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. etimreedn whether canines have a sense
2. a rather poorly iseatevnigdt area
3. mental caiptyca
4. by taking in sinrtdioocane their own
5. His test put dogs in utnasiiots
6. The study is published in the jlnruao

## Paragraph 2

7. respond to cmodmsan
8. Researchers tatdchea a toy to a mat
9. the dogs understood the ssuie
10. as an txeipilc object
11. one of the ntnmafdaeul building blocks
12. dogs in the tests xdieiehbt this

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

## Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) first. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the task. The researchers said this showed a
( ) taking in consideration their own body exists." His test put dogs in situations that would make them aware
( ) whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary set
( ) why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather poorly investigated area of dog
( ) mind, as an explicit object, in relation to other objects in the world". They said this is "one
( ) to understand it would be unable to take the toy to its owner unless it got off the mat
( 1 ) Have you ever wondered what animals think about? A team of scientists explored this question by investigating
( ) owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its owner. The dog had
( ) out to determine whether canines have a sense of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained
( ) The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to respond to commands from their
( ) cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental capacity to organize someone's action by
( ) sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the ability to hold information about one's own body in
( ) of the fundamental building blocks of self-representation" and that the dogs in the tests exhibited this.
( ) of their body position. The study is published in the journal "Scientific Reports".

## PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness.html

1. scientists of $A$ explored this question . team
2. whether sense of self . canines have a Determine
3. the why team study . explained his conducted He
4. of $A$ poorly area dog rather cognition . investigated
5. in Put them situations aware . dogs make that
6. respond to commands from Dogs owners . had to
7. said showed awareness . of sense a Researchers this
8. one's Hold body own mind . about in information
9. objects in other world . to the In relation
10. blocks building One fundamental self-representation . of of the

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210223-self-awareness.html

Have you ever wandered / wondered what animals think about? A team of scientists explored this question at / by investigating whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary set in / out to determine whether canines have a sensory / sense of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained / explain why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather poor / poorly investigated area of dog cognition / recognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental capacity to organize someone's action by taking / take in consideration their own body exists." His test put dogs on / in situations that would make them aware of their body position. The study is published / publication in the journal "Scientific Reports".

The scientists conducted tests in / on 54 dogs. The dogs had to response / respond to commands from their owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its / their owner. The dog had to understand it would be unable to take the toy to its owner unless / rather it got off the mat first / fast. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to replete / complete the task. The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote what / that body awareness is, "the ability to fold / hold information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit object, in relation to / of other objects in the world". They said this is "one of the fundamental building blocks of self-representation" and that the dogs in the tests exhibited / inhibited this.

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

## INSERT THE VOWELS ( $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}, \mathbf{u}$ )

 $t_{-} m \quad$ _f $s c_{-} n t \_s t s \quad$ _xpl_r_d th_s $q_{-} s t \neq n \quad b y$ _nv_st_g_t_ng $w h h_{-} t h r_{-} d_{-} g s h_{-} v_{-} \quad s_{-} I f-w_{-} r_{-} n \_s s$.
 $d_{-} t \_r m_{-} n_{-} w h h_{-} h r_{-} n_{-} n_{-} s h_{-} v_{-} \quad s_{-} n s_{-} \quad f \quad s_{-} I f \quad n d$



 _ $m_{-} n t l_{-} c_{-} p_{-} c_{-} t y t_{-} \quad r_{-} \mathrm{n}_{-} z_{-} \mathrm{s}_{-} \mathrm{m}_{-} \mathrm{n}_{-} \mathrm{s} \mathrm{s}_{-} \mathrm{ct} \mathrm{C}_{-} \mathrm{n}$ by




 $h_{-} d \quad t_{-} \quad r_{-} s p_{-} n d \quad t_{-} \quad c_{-} m m_{-} n d s \quad f r r_{-} m \quad t h h_{-} r \quad w n+r s$.
 $d_{-} g t_{-} g_{-} v_{-} t h t_{-} t_{-} t_{-} \quad w n_{-} r . T_{-} d_{-} g h_{-} d \quad t_{-}$


 $c_{-} m p l_{-} t t_{-} t_{-} s k . T_{-} r_{-} s_{-} r h_{-} r s s_{-} d \quad t h h_{-} s h w_{-} d$

 _n_'s _ wn b_dy _n m_nd, _s _n _xpl_c_t _bj_ct, _n
 th_s _ $s "_{-} n_{-} \quad f \quad t h f_{-} f_{-} n d_{-} m_{-} n t l_{-} b_{-} l d \_n g \quad b l_{-} c k s \quad$ f
 _xh_b_t_d th_s.

## PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

have you ever wondered what animals think about a team of scientists explored this question by investigating whether dogs have selfawareness researchers from a university in hungary set out to determine whether canines have a sense of self and of body awareness researcher peter pongracz explained why his team conducted the study he said selfawareness is a rather poorly investigated area of dog cognition he added body awareness is a mental capacity to organize someones action by taking in consideration their own body exists his test put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position the study is published in the journal scientific reports
the scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs the dogs had to respond to commands from their owners researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its owner the dog had to understand it would be unable to take the toy to its owner unless it got off the mat first many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the task the researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness they wrote that body awareness is the ability to hold information about ones own body in mind as an explicit object in relation to other objects in the world they said this is one of the fundamental building blocks of selfrepresentation and that the dogs in the tests exhibited this

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Haveyoueverwonderedwhatanimalsthinkabout?Ateamofscientistse xploredthisquestionbyinvestigatingwhetherdogshaveself-awaren ess.ResearchersfromauniversityinHungarysetouttodeterminewhet hercanineshaveasenseofselfandofbodyawareness.ResearcherPeter Pongraczexplainedwhyhisteamconductedthestudy.Hesaid:"Self-a warenessisaratherpoorlyinvestigatedareaofdogcognition."Headded :"Bodyawarenessisamentalcapacitytoorganizesomeone'sactionbyt akinginconsiderationtheirownbodyexists. "Histestputdogsinsituatio nsthatwouldmakethemawareoftheirbodyposition.Thestudyispublis hedinthejournal"ScientificReports".Thescientistsconductedtestson 54dogs.Thedogshadtorespondtocommandsfromtheirowners.Resea rchersattachedatoytoamatandaskedthedogtogivethetoytoitsowner .Thedoghadtounderstanditwouldbeunabletotakethetoytoitsown erunlessitgotoffthematfirst.Manyofthedogsunderstoodtheissueand gotoffthemattocompletethetask.Theresearcherssaidthisshowedase nseofbodyawareness.Theywrotethatbodyawarenessis,"theabilityto holdinformationaboutone'sownbodyinmind,asanexplicitobject,inrel ationtootherobjectsintheworld".Theysaidthisis"oneofthefundament albuildingblocksofself-representation"andthatthedogsinthetestsex hibitedthis.

## FREE WRITING

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Write about self-awareness for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
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## ACADEMIC WRITING

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A dog is a "man's best friend". Discuss.

## 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
3. SELF-AWARENESS: Make a poster about self-awareness. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
4. MAN'S BEST FRIEND: Write a magazine article about the expression "man's best friend" and that it should be changed to "a person's best friend" (because women also love dogs). Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and 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 self-awareness. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on why selfawareness is important. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

## ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f
2. 

a
3. d
4. b
5. g
6. e
7. C
8. m
9. $h$
10. i
11. I
12. k
13. n
14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)
a F
b $T$
C F
d $F$
e F
f T
g $F$
h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

| 1. e | 2. j | 3. g | 4. b | 5. |
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| 6. h | 7. f | 8. c | 9. d | 10 |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Hungary
2. Self-awareness
3. Mental capacity
4. Their body position
5. Scientific Reports
6. 54
7. A toy
8. The issue
9. Information
10. Building blocks

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A team of scientists explored this question.
2. Determine whether canines have a sense of self.
3. He explained why his team conducted the study.
4. A rather poorly investigated area of dog cognition.
5. Put dogs in situations that make them aware.
6. Dogs had to respond to commands from owners.
7. Researchers said this showed a sense of awareness.
8. Hold information about one's own body in mind.
9. In relation to other objects in the world.
10. One of the fundamental building blocks of selfrepresentation.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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


[^0]:    Sources: https://www.inverse.com/science/dog-body-awareness-study
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