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## The dog walker

- 1 Kent Wilson's alarm clock rings at 5.30am every morning. Kent is a dog walker. People pay him to take their dogs for a walk. 1  
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- 2 Kent picks up five dogs from their homes. He takes them to the park in his van. The dogs run around together and Kent throws balls and Frisbees for them. Sometimes he takes them to the beach. The dogs love to play in the water. After an hour, Kent puts the dogs back in his van. He takes each dog home. Then Kent picks up another five dogs. Kent takes fifteen dogs for a walk every day. 5  
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- 3 'This job is very hard work, but I love it,' says Kent. 'I love dogs and I take good care of them.' Kent takes dogs for walks in the rain and in the snow. He dries each dog with a towel before he takes it home. He feeds each dog when they arrive home. He stays with the dog until it finishes eating. Then he leaves. 16  
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- 4 Kent also feeds people's pets when they are away. 'I take care of all kinds of pets – cats, rabbits, mice and fish,' says Kent. 'But I don't have any pets of my own. I don't have time to look after them!' 25  
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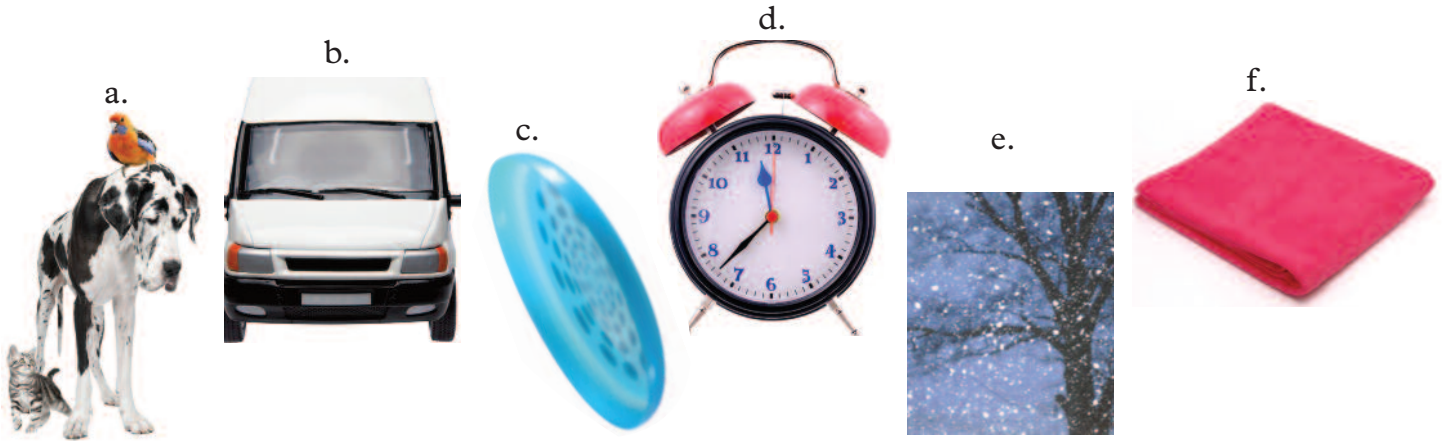


*A dog collar and lead.*

## Word power

A. Write the correct letter for each word.

1. alarm clock d 2. towel    3. van    4. pets    5. Frisbee    6. snow   



B. Use words from **A** to complete these sentences.

1. Let's go to the park and throw the   Frisbee  .
2. Jason has three                     . He has a cat, a dog and a bird.
3. My                      is very loud. It wakes up everyone in my house.
4. My father is a postman. He drives a red                     .

C. Find these words in the text. Then use them to complete the sentences.

arrive    take care of    pay    feed    time    ring

1. My phone is loud. It is easy to hear it   ring  .
2. When I                      at school I look for my friends.
3. I                      my cat every morning. She eats special food.
4. When my parents go out I have to                      my baby sister.
5. I don't have                      for breakfast today. I'm late for school!
6. My parents                      me to wash the car. They give me two dollars.

D. Match the words that go together in the text.

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| 1. alarm clock | throws balls and Frisbees |
| 2. dogs        | rings                     |
| 3. Kent        | pay him                   |
| 4. people      | run around                |

## Understanding the main ideas

Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Kent starts work early in the morning.  T /  F
2. Kent's job is to take dogs for walks and play with them.  T /  F
3. Kent says his job is too hard and he doesn't like it.  T /  F
4. Kent has a lot of pets.  T /  F

## Reading for detail

A. Circle a, b, c or d.

1. Kent Wilson wakes up at  
 a. 5.30am.  
 b. 6am.  
 c. 7am.  
 d. 8.30am.
2. Kent takes each dog for a walk for  
 a. fifteen minutes.  
 b. thirty minutes.  
 c. an hour.  
 d. an hour and a half.
3. Every day Kent takes  
 a. five dogs for a walk.  
 b. seven dogs for a walk.  
 c. fifteen dogs for a walk.  
 d. fifty dogs for a walk.
4. Before Kent takes the dogs home he  
 a. feeds them.  
 b. dries them.  
 c. wakes them up.  
 d. plays with them in his garden.



*Ready for a walk.*

B. Complete each sentence with a word from the text.

1. Kent takes \_\_\_\_\_ five \_\_\_\_\_ dogs out at the same time.
2. Kent drives the dogs around in a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Kent also feeds people's cats, rabbits, mice or \_\_\_\_\_.

## Using reference words

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. Kent picks up five dogs from **our** / **my** / **their** homes.
2. Sometimes he takes **them** / **they** / **their** to the beach.
3. 'I don't have any pets of **our** / **my** / **their** own.'

## Summary

Complete the summary with words from the text.

Kent Wilson is a dog walker. People (1.) \_\_\_\_\_ pay \_\_\_\_\_ him to take their dogs for a walk. Kent takes five dogs for a walk at the same time. He takes (2.) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs for a walk every day. After their walk he takes each dog (3.) \_\_\_\_\_. Kent says his job is very (4.) \_\_\_\_\_ work but he loves it. He also looks after other pets when people are (5.) \_\_\_\_\_.



Playing Frisbee.

## Listening

Listen. One of Kent Wilson's customers is talking about Kent's work. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Kent takes Rocco for a walk every evening. T **F**
2. Rocco always runs away when Kent arrives. T / F
3. Kent picks Rocco up at seven o'clock. T / F
4. Rocco likes walks on the beach best. T / F

## What do you think?

Do you think it would be fun to be a dog walker? Why or why not? Discuss your reasons with a partner.

Learn more at:

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/dog-care/dog-walking-101.aspx>

[http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xp4q9g\\_leashed-dog-walking-101\\_animals](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xp4q9g_leashed-dog-walking-101_animals)

# 2

PARAMEDIC

## An interview with a paramedic

1 Georgia Roy is a paramedic. She spoke to Craig  
2 Jackson from *Out and About* magazine.

3 **Craig:** What's it like to work as a paramedic,  
4 Georgia?

5 **Georgia:** Every day is different, because we get so  
6 many different calls for help. We might go to a car  
7 accident or to a house where someone is sick.  
8 Some days are very busy and some days are quiet.  
9 Sometimes we work in the day and sometimes we  
10 work at night. I always work with a partner –  
11 another paramedic. When we get a call from  
12 someone, we get into the ambulance and drive to  
13 them as quickly as we can. We use the siren to tell  
14 other drivers to move out of our way.

15 **Craig:** What makes a good paramedic?

16 **Georgia:** You have to be good at talking to people. You  
17 have to stay calm and quickly find out what their  
18 problem is. Sometimes we can help them, but  
19 sometimes we have to take them to hospital.

20 **Craig:** What do you do in between calls?

21 **Georgia:** When we're not out on the road, my partner  
22 and I check the ambulance. We check the drugs  
23 and the equipment.

24 **Craig:** What's the best thing about your job?

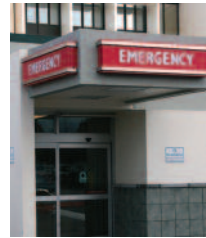
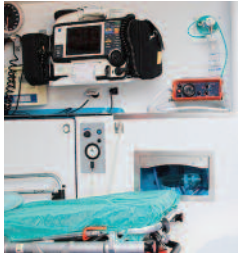
25 **Georgia:** I just like giving help to people when they  
26 need it most. Once a woman had a baby in the  
27 ambulance. That was amazing!



## Word power

A. Write the correct letter for each word.

1. ambulance \_\_ 2. drugs \_\_ 3. equipment \_\_ 4. hospital \_\_



B. Use words from A to complete these sentences.

1. The doctor can give you some \_\_\_\_\_ to help you sleep.
2. This child is very ill. We need help quickly. Call an \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Joe has a broken leg. He has to stay in \_\_\_\_\_ for five weeks.
4. Matt's job is to take photos. He has a good camera and a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to help him.

C. Find these words in the text. Then use them to complete the sentences.

calls car accident calm partner check problem siren busy

1. Do you like working alone or working with a \_\_\_\_\_?
2. I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ on our street last night. A car hit a tree.
3. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your bag. Have you got everything you need?
4. I want to buy a cake, but there's one \_\_\_\_\_. I have no money!
5. I've had a very \_\_\_\_\_ day today. I didn't have time to eat lunch.
6. I heard a \_\_\_\_\_ and then saw a police car come down the street.
7. I'm going out. Please let me know if I get any phone \_\_\_\_\_.
8. When Joe heard the bad news, he didn't get angry or upset. He stayed \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Match the words that go together in the text.

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| 1. get   | the siren      |
| 2. go to | the ambulance  |
| 3. use   | a call         |
| 4. check | a car accident |

## Understanding the main ideas

Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Georgia always works at night. T / F
2. Georgia works with another paramedic. T / F
3. Georgia works in a hospital. T / F
4. Georgia's job always makes her sad. T / F

## Reading for detail

A. Circle a, b, c or d.

1. Georgia says that for a paramedic,
  - a. every day is very busy.
  - b. most days are quiet.
  - c. every day is the same.
  - d. every day is different.
2. When they aren't out on the road, Georgia and her partner
  - a. visit people in hospital.
  - b. check the ambulance, the drugs and the equipment.
  - c. make phone calls.
  - d. read magazines.
3. Paramedics have to talk to people and quickly find out
  - a. what their problem is.
  - b. what their name is.
  - c. if they want to go to hospital.
  - d. if they know how to drive.
4. Georgia talks about a woman who once
  - a. had a bad car accident.
  - b. drove an ambulance.
  - c. had a baby in the ambulance.
  - d. worked in a hospital.



*Helping after a car accident.*

B. Complete each sentence with a word from the text.

1. Paramedics get a lot of different \_\_\_\_\_ for help.
2. The siren tells drivers to move out of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Georgia says paramedics have to stay \_\_\_\_\_.

## Using reference words

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. What's the best thing about **your** / **you** / **yours** job?
2. I just like giving help to people when **they** / **we** / **you** need it most.
3. We use the siren to tell other drivers to move out of **my** / **your** / **our** way.

## Summary

Complete the summary with words from the text.

Georgia Roy says paramedics get a lot of different calls for (1.) \_\_\_\_\_. When people call, the paramedics drive to them in the (2.) \_\_\_\_\_. Paramedics need to be good at (3.) \_\_\_\_\_ to people to find out what their problem is. They need to stay calm and decide if a person needs to go to hospital. Paramedics also spend time checking the ambulance, the drugs and the (4.) \_\_\_\_\_. Georgia talks about a woman who had a (5.) \_\_\_\_\_ in the ambulance.



*The International Paramedic symbol, known all over the world.*

## Listening

Listen. A mother is talking about calling an ambulance. Circle **T** for true or **F** for false.

1. The boy fell out of a tree and cut his arm. T / F
2. The ambulance took a long time to arrive. T / F
3. There were two paramedics. T / F
4. The paramedics took the boy to hospital. T / F

## What do you think?

Do you think you would make a good paramedic? Why or why not? Discuss your reasons with a partner.

Watch paramedics at work at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blbXxbJwGxM>