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World's oldest dog dies at 147

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The world's oldest dog has died aged 147. That's in "dog years", not human years. She was 21 years old in our years. Her name was Chanel and she was a dachshund (also known as a sausage dog). Chanel's owners, Denice and Karl Shaughnessy, were very sad at the death of their pet. They said she was a part of their life for so many years. Mrs Shaughnessy told reporters that Chanel, who loved chocolate, lived a long time because she was blessed by God. "Dogs are God's angels sent here to look out for us," she said.

It's amazing that Chanel lived so long. Especially because she loved chocolate, and had other unhealthy habits. Her owners did take her for a walk every day, so she got exercise. She really was part of the family. I wonder if Chanel knew she was so old. I'm not sure if I want to be that old. People who live to be 100 or more see many changes in their life. They are almost like a walking history book. People who are over 100 today can remember life before cars. New medicine will make more of us live longer and longer.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. She was 21 years old in | a. death of their pet |
| 2. also known as | b. by God |
| 3. sad at the | c. our years |
| 4. part of their life | d. look out for us |
| 5. she was blessed | e. a sausage dog |
| 6. sent here to | f. for so many years |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. It's amazing that Chanel lived | a. walk every day |
| 2. other unhealthy | b. history book |
| 3. take her for a | c. the family |
| 4. part of | d. so long |
| 5. like a walking | e. and longer |
| 6. live longer | f. habits |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The world's oldest dog has _____. That's in "dog years", _____. She was 21 years old in our years. Her name was Chanel and she was a dachshund (_____ a sausage dog). Chanel's owners, Denice and Karl Shaughnessy, were very _____ of their pet. They said she was a part of their _____ years. Mrs Shaughnessy told reporters that Chanel, who loved chocolate, lived a long time because she was blessed by God. "Dogs are God's angels sent here _____ us," she said.

It's amazing that Chanel lived so long. Especially because she loved chocolate, and had other _____. Her owners did take her for a walk every day, so _____. She _____ the family. I wonder if Chanel knew she was so old. I'm not sure if I want to be that old. People who live to be 100 or more _____ in their life. They are almost like a walking history book. People _____ today can remember life before cars. New medicine _____ us live longer and longer.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The world's oldest dog has (1) _____ aged 147. That's in "dog years", not (2) _____ years. She was 21 years old in our years. Her name was Chanel and she was a dachshund (also known as a sausage dog). Chanel's owners, Denice and Karl Shaughnessy, were very sad (3) _____ the death of their pet. They said she was a part of their life for so many years. Mrs Shaughnessy told reporters that Chanel, who loved chocolate, lived a long time because she was (4) _____ by God. "Dogs are God's angels sent here to look (5) _____ for us," she said.

It's amazing that Chanel lived so long. Especially because she loved chocolate, and had (6) _____ unhealthy habits. Her owners did (7) _____ her for a walk every day, so she got exercise. She really was part of the family. I wonder if Chanel knew she was so old. I'm not (8) _____ if I want to be that old. People who live to be 100 or more see many changes in their life. They are almost like a walking (9) _____ book. People who are over 100 today can remember life before cars. New medicine will make more of us (10) _____ longer and longer.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) death | (b) dead | (c) died |
| 2. | (a) human | (b) humanly | (c) humans |
| 3. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on |
| 4. | (a) blessing | (b) blessed | (c) blesses |
| 5. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) after |
| 6. | (a) others | (b) another | (c) other |
| 7. | (a) take | (b) make | (c) fake |
| 8. | (a) surely | (b) sure | (c) sureness |
| 9. | (a) history | (b) historian | (c) historical |
| 10. | (a) living | (b) life | (c) live |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. nhaum years
2. a esagsau dog
3. sad at the aedth
4. so many aersy
5. sebedls by God
6. Dogs are God's saenlg

Paragraph 2

7. It's azaigmn
8. she dvloe chocolate
9. she got sexcreie
10. many snahecg in their life
11. rytoshi book
12. live lgnore

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in their life. They are almost like a walking history book. People who are over 100 today can remember
- () Karl Shaughnessy, were very sad at the death of their pet. They said she was a part of their life for so
- () many years. Mrs Shaughnessy told reporters that Chanel, who loved chocolate, lived a long time because she was blessed
- () old in our years. Her name was Chanel and she was a dachshund (also known as a sausage dog). Chanel's owners, Denice and
- () by God. "Dogs are God's angels sent here to look out for us," she said.
- () habits. Her owners did take her for a walk every day, so she got exercise. She really was part of the family. I wonder if
- () It's amazing that Chanel lived so long. Especially because she loved chocolate, and had other unhealthy
- (**1**) Chanel knew she was so old. I'm not sure if I want to be that old. People who live to be 100 or more see many changes
- () The world's oldest dog has died aged 147. That's in "dog years", not human years. She was 21 years
- () life before cars. New medicine will make more of us live longer and longer.

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. aged oldest 147 dog has The died world's.

2. old She in was our 21 years years.

3. and a Her Chanel was was she dachshund name.

4. for years part life many A their so of.

5. here us to look Angels out sent for.

6. so lived Chanel that amazing It's long.

7. take her for a walk every day Her owners did.

8. Chanel was if she old wonder knew so I.

9. a They walking are history almost book like.

10. will live make longer more of Medicine us.

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. _____

WRITING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0909/090902-dogs.html>

Write about dogs for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

Lined writing area with 20 horizontal lines.

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 more information about dogs. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about being the oldest person in the world. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Chanel's owners. Ask them three questions about Chanel. Give them three of your ideas on how they can deal with Chanel's death. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.