

- Read the paragraph. Circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

Everyone who has owned dogs has an abundance of anecdotes about the amazing and amusing things dogs do. Every few months it seems a newspaper article appears about a dog who has rescued a small child from drowning or saved its owners from a fire. Yes, the bond between people and dogs is an intimate one, and it has grown for the thousands of years that people and dogs have lived and worked together.

- 1 Which is the best summary of the paragraph?
- A People and dogs have been closely associated for thousands of years.
 - B Most people love dogs and have lots of stories to tell about them.
 - C Dogs have rescued thousands of people over the years.
 - D Stories about dogs often occur in the newspaper.

Tip

Choose the answer that pulls together all the ideas in the paragraph.

- 2 Which is the best paraphrase of the first sentence?

- F Dog owners have lots of stories about the amazing and funny things dogs do.
- G Everyone who owns dogs likes them.
- H People who own dogs complain about their dogs.
- J Everyone who has owned dogs tells jokes about the funny things their dogs do.

Tip

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of *abundance* and *anecdotes*. Then use these meanings to choose the best paraphrase.

- 3 Which is the best paraphrase of the last sentence?

- A Dogs and people have always had a close association.
- B Dogs and people have had the same relationship for thousands of years.
- C Dogs have been forced to do work for people for thousands of years.
- D Dogs and people have grown closer during the thousands of years they have been together.

Tip

Which answer most completely and accurately states the important point the author makes in the last sentence?



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION Have your child copy a short paragraph from a magazine or newspaper article. Together, write a one- or two-sentence summary of the paragraph. Then paraphrase one of the sentences in the paragraph.