

## Lesson 1

1. Until a hundred years ago, blind people had difficulty getting around. It was at that time that someone first thought of the \_\_\_\_\_ of guide dogs.
2. Dogs naturally like to be active and on the move. Seeing Eye dogs learn \_\_\_\_\_ by being made to sit without moving for long periods.
3. Seeing Eye dogs must keep their minds on the job they have to do. Loud noises and interesting smells are two of the \_\_\_\_\_ they are taught to ignore.
4. Many dogs will snap back if someone accidentally bumps into them. Guide dogs are trained not to respond even if someone \_\_\_\_\_ them quite hard.
5. Seeing Eye dogs and their owners enjoy each other's company. They are \_\_\_\_\_ for each other and are hardly ever separated.
6. It takes a month of getting to know one another for each dog and its future owner. At the end of that time, the dog is \_\_\_\_\_ to its new owner.
7. Each dog is carefully matched with its new owner. A small person would not receive a large dog, which might be more suitable for a \_\_\_\_\_ person.
8. There are many things to be considered in matching dog to owner. The most important is whether the dog and its new owner are \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Seeing Eye dogs must be able to think for themselves. Although usually \_\_\_\_\_, they will refuse to obey an order to go forward if to do so might be dangerous.
10. Sometimes the owner tells the guide dog to cross a street where the traffic could be a danger. The dog will disobey the order and refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ until it's safe to do so.
11. The guide dogs must be especially watchful on busy city streets. \_\_\_\_\_ who don't look where they are going can be a serious problem.
12. If the guide dog senses danger it will refuse to go forward. It will \_\_\_\_\_ its owner to the danger, probably by barking loudly.
13. Seeing Eye dogs guide their owners skillfully in crowded places. Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ they might have to avoid are fire hydrants, power line poles, or trash barrels on the sidewalk.
14. The working life of a Seeing Eye dog is about ten years. It then spends its \_\_\_\_\_ as an ordinary family pet.
15. When it gets too old to do its job, a Seeing Eye dog is placed with another family. It probably takes some time before it gets \_\_\_\_\_ to its new home.