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**INSTRUCTIONS:** I am going to read you a passage called *Police Dogs*. I will read it to you twice. After you listen to the first reading, you will be asked to answer a set of questions related to what you have heard. I will then read the passage again. After the second reading, you will be given time to review your answers to the questions and revise them if needed.

# Police Dogs

Police dogs work alongside their human handlers to find criminals. There are around 50,000 police dogs working in the United States today. Police dogs do many different kinds of jobs, often with their powerful sense of smell, like tracking suspects or missing persons and detecting drugs, bombs, or explosives. Explosive-detecting dogs are trained how to carefully and safely let their human police partner know that they have found an explosive and where it is located. The role these dogs play saves having to spend many human hours of searching to find out if an illegal substance is nearby.

Some police dogs help officers maintain public order. For example, by chasing down criminal subjects and preventing them from escaping until they can be apprehended, or by standing guard in a jail or prison to prevent suspects from escaping.

Police dogs receive very specific special training in order to be able to do their jobs. Certain breeds of dogs are particularly well suited to certain jobs. Many police dogs are German Shepherds or Belgian Malinois. Bloodhounds are often trained for tracking, and Beagles are good at detecting drugs. Dogs that will be working with the police usually begin training when they are still puppies. Retired police dogs are considered heroes. They often spend the remainder of their lives living with the police officer that they worked with.

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### QUESTIONS: Police Dogs

1. Police dogs work \_\_\_\_\_ police officers.
2. The main thing police dogs use in their work is their powerful sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What are some of the jobs that police dogs do?

4. When do police dogs start their training?
5. What are some breeds of dogs that do police work?
6. What happens to retired police dogs?

