

# Functional Skills English Reading Level 2 Sample Paper 2

## Dog Sitting Source Documents



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All answers should be written in the space provided on the question paper.**

**Read both documents.**

Use **Document 1** to answer questions 1 to 6.

Use **Document 2** to answer questions 7 to 13.

Use **both** documents to answer questions 14 and 15.

### COULD THIS BE FOR YOU?

Do you love dogs? Do you enjoy walking? I've found dog sitting a fulfilling job, and I think you will too. Dog sitting involves looking after other people's dogs in your own home, often overnight, and taking them for walks when needed. It can be tiring, but hey, it's fun!

### KNOW YOUR DOGS

You must know about popular breeds and their behaviours. For instance, the UK's most popular breed, Labradors, need a lot of attention. Plus, they tend to shed a lot of hair too, so you may find a bit of extra vacuuming added to your workload! Some dogs are more aggressive towards other dogs, so you need to watch out for that. On the other hand, some breeds are happiest just chasing a ball. You have to be able to recognise signs that a dog is unwell. Can you feel scabs on its skin? You should also keep an eye out for clues it is being treated unkindly, such as flinching if you raise your hand to pat its head.

### FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Owners will supply you with food for their dog, but you should always check how they want their dog looked after. Are there set meal times, or should a bowl of food be left out all day? Don't be tempted to give the dogs treats, as owners will not like this. Remember that treats can make some dogs unwell. Always make sure there is water available for the dogs.

### SETTING UP YOUR BUSINESS

You will find it incredibly helpful to make a business plan. A business plan is a document that contains details of the business, such as goals and expenses, which are important to set out early on. For example, dog sitters sometimes need a van to transport the dogs, and that doesn't come cheap. Another potential expense is dog leads. Advertising your business is also essential.

### MAKING MONEY

I bet you're wondering how much a dog sitter earns. Dog sitters can expect to make around £30 per dog each day, sometimes more. The harder you work, the more money you will earn!

### LEGAL MATTERS

You don't have to, but getting a business insurance policy gave me peace of mind. Public liability is designed to give protection if a member of the public becomes injured because of your business. The cost varies, but expect at least £100 a year. You'll want to think carefully about this, because it is a lot of money to pay out upfront, but I know I wouldn't want to face a lawsuit if the worst happened! To learn more, check our FAQ page: 'what is public liability insurance?' Getting this in place just might help you sleep a bit easier.

### Quick Guide: Dog Breeds

	Breed	Size	Tolerates being alone?	Exercise needed each day
	Pug	Small	No	1 hour
	Labrador	Large	Moderate time	2 hours
	Pomeranian	Tiny	Short periods	30 mins
	Border Collie	Medium	Moderate time	2 hours
	Yorkshire Terrier	Tiny	No	30 mins

Document 2 – online forum. Use this document to answer questions 7 – 13.

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**Gordon** Any advice on starting a dog sitting business?

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**Bono135** Yes, yes, yes! Dog sitting is the best job in the world, and I'm certainly glad I chose it as a profession. Why shouldn't you do it too? You will need to dedicate 7 days a week to it though. I'm fully licensed and make a fantastic income, but it was a struggle to make ends meet when I could only work two days a week due to other commitments. Go for it! You won't regret it.

**Dog Blogger** I'm a full-time dog sitter but I'm thinking of reducing my hours. It's tiring work, but it isn't difficult. I can still make plenty of money working part-time. Just remember to buy plenty of dog treats, as giving dogs treats is a great way to bond with them. And make sure you keep the dogs on a lead during walks.

**K9** Oh yeah? You might as well get a treadmill in your house and let them walk on that. I suppose you don't like seeing your dog running free. Let it off the lead!

**Rocko** Extendable leads are a great invention, and I recommend them! I own a pet shop and they're one of the most popular items we sell. It's also really helpful to give the dogs treats during the walk to encourage good behaviour.

**Blue** Walking other people's pets in terrible weather for bad pay... what a great job that sounds! If you really have to put yourself through that, at least get a good pair of boots. You will be glad you did when you step in that dog muck someone has left behind.

**Colin** Everyone who walks dogs should be aware of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. It states, amongst other things, that you have to pick up your dog's mess. You can be fined if you don't. But there's no need to worry! Shops sell bags and scoops you can use to pick it up. I know it sounds terrible, but it's something all dog owners are required to do by law. And that's a good thing. You don't want your dog to be a public nuisance.

**Woof 77** It's your duty to look out for any sickness and decide if the dog needs to go to the vet. Unfortunately, dog cruelty is a fact in this world too, and it is often caused by people you would least expect. That means you need to learn to spot the warning signs. Has the dog suddenly developed a limp when it walks? There may be an innocent explanation for this, but...

**Fenton** You should read The Animal Welfare Act 2006. Basically, it means don't be cruel or neglect a dog's needs.

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