



ACTIVITY 1

UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Read the content for this topic then answer the following questions to see how much you understand about what you read.

1. List three animals that have been used in wars.
2. What do you think the role of a casualty dog would have been?
3. Which war was the story of Horrie from?
4. Which sense did Horrie use to detect enemy aircraft?
5. Which sense does an explosive detection dog mainly use?
6. What was the main job of donkeys during war?
7. At which campaign during World War 1, did Simpson and his donkey save many lives?
8. What is the name of the Australian War Memorial's travelling exhibition about animals called?
9. Which animal was given to Cairo Zoo by Australian soldiers during World War 1?
10. Why was it mostly impossible, until recently, to return animals to Australia after war?



ACTIVITY 2

Creatures great and small

The Australian War Memorial's A is for Animals offers an A to Z of animals in war.

Make a list of animals you think you might come across at the exhibition.

A _____	N _____
B _____	O _____
C _____	P _____
D _____	Q _____
E _____	R _____
F _____	S _____
G _____	T _____
H _____	U _____
I _____	V _____
J _____	W _____
K _____	X _____
L _____	Y _____
M _____	Z _____





ACTIVITY 3

Flying high

During the wars, pigeons carried messages attached to their legs and went on planes and ships in case of an emergency to carry SOS messages back to base. They even wore tiny cameras sometimes to take pictures of enemy locations. More than 100,000 pigeons served in the First World War, and 200,000 served in the Second World War.

Read the following story and circle all common nouns and underline the proper nouns.

In October 1918, as the war neared its end, 194 American soldiers found themselves trapped by German soldiers. They were cut off from other Allied soldiers and had no working radios. The only chance they had of alerting anybody about their desperate situation was to send a pigeon with their co-ordinates attached to its leg. The pigeon's name was Cher Ami. When released it flew 25 miles from behind German lines to the Americans headquarters. Cher Ami covered the 25 miles in just 25 minutes. The pigeon was, in fact, shot through the chest by the Germans but continued to fly home. With the "Lost Battalion's" co-ordinates, the Americans launched a rescue and the 194 men were saved. Cher Ami was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm for its astonishing flight. As with other pigeons, it would not have known where the American's nearest headquarters was - its natural homing instincts took over.



ACTIVITY 4

WORDS AT WORK

In Wordy News this week we defined the word DOGGED which was used in the following way:
to be troubled by



The word DOGGED can also be used to mean persistent in effort; stubbornly tenacious: **Clive not too dogged – he's at just 6% of votes**

This is an example of a homograph where a word is written the same way but has a different meaning.

In each sentence decide which meaning of dogged is used.

1. To be troubled by
2. Persistent and tenacious

The player had been dogged by ill health and was unable to take the field.

Even though the runner was miles behind, her dogged determination would not let her quit the race.

Although the police kept questioning Max about his involvement in the robbery, he maintained a dogged silence.

The late stages of the footy game were dogged by controversy.

If it wasn't for the groups dogged commitment, the event would never have taken off.

The fossicker's dogged search for gold ended with him finding a fortune in the abandoned mine.

Scandals have dogged the movie star's career.



ACTIVITY 5

CHECK IT OUT

Caesar the War Dog

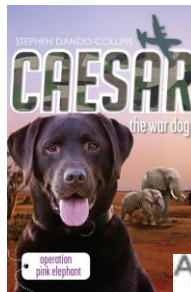
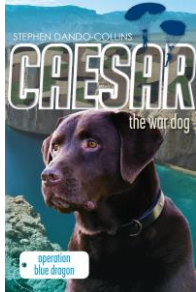
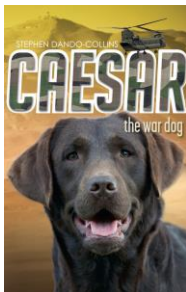
The series of four books by Stephen Dando-Collins are based on the true stories of heroic military and service dogs who save countless lives. Read each blurb and match it to its correct cover.

Explosive detection dog Caesar is in Texas with his handler, Ben, to train the local police. When a bomb detonates nearby and Caesar sniffs out a second bomb at the scene, he attracts the wrong kind of attention.

On operations in Afghanistan with Ben, Caesar proves his worth, finding hidden explosives and saving the lives of the soldiers. Then, during a Taliban ambush, Caesar is separated from his master. Ben and his best mate Charlie are seriously wounded and evacuated to hospital.

When their friend Lucky is kidnapped by elephant poachers in Tanzania, the Global Rapid Reaction Responders team is called in to find him. Caesar the super-sniffing war dog is sent with Ben and Charlie on the mission.

While on a peace mission in Afghanistan, the secretary-general's helicopter goes down and he is captured by the Taliban. Caesar, Ben and Charlie join an international team to rescue him. An experimental mini-submarine might help – and Caesar's famous nose is sure to sniff out trouble along the way.



ACTIVITY 6

NEWS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



It's Earth Hour and to increase awareness of how to help our planet, the NiE editor has asked me to check these electrical energy saving tips and correct any errors.
Can you please help me do the editing?

- Use ceiling fans instead of the air conditioner.
- Wash laundry in hot water instead of hot or warm
- Use a clothes line instead a dryer.
- replace regular light bulbs without compact fluorescents.
- Put you're computer to sleep or turn it off when in use.
- Choose household appliances with tap star rating energy labels The more star ratings, the more energy efficient the appliance.
- avoid opening the refrigerator dor unnecessarily.
- During summer keep curtains / blinds closed to limit the amount of sunlight coming into your home. keep the temperature set at between 123 and 26 degrees on an air conditioner.
- On winter keep rooms heated between 18 to 21 degrees and hold in the heat by insulating and draught proofing your home.
- Switch on lights when you leave the room and appliances that are snot in use.
- Take shorter showers to on hot water heating costs as well as save.

CHANGE CLIMATE CHANGE

Together we will make a difference
Earth Hour 2014: Saturday March 28 8:30PM