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Bulldogs

Introduction

The beginning helps readers become interested and ready to learn about the topic (in this instance, with an introduction to the subject and questions).

Have you ever seen a dog whose face is so wrinkled it makes you laugh? That might be a bulldog. I am an expert on Bulldogs because I have one. I am going to tell you everything you need to know about Bulldogs.

The writer grouped information into parts. The subtopics fit with the main topic and are predominately well organized.

What They Look Like

The writer used commas to help readers read with pauses where they are needed.

One fact about Bulldogs is that they have very unusual looks. They have a short, wide body and short legs. They can be different colors but the most common colors are tan, black, and white. The best part about the Bulldog's looks is its face. The Bulldog has a wrinkled looking face and a wide **jaw**. It looks like it is always sad! But don't worry, that's just its look. It has round black eyes and a short **muzzle**. The biggest Bulldogs weigh about 50 pounds.

The writer included facts, definitions, details, and explanations.

Bulldog Care

The writer used punctuation to fix run-on sentences.

Bulldogs need to be taken care of. It is important for bulldogs to get plenty of exercise. They need to be walked at least once a day. Also, their fur, called the **coat**, can get dirty so they need to be brushed.

She also included expert words. In some instances, the writer not only included important facts, but explained them to the reader.

The bulldog needs to eat good food in order to stay healthy. Bulldogs can get fat so it's important to feed them just the amount of food they need. Some kinds of food that are good for bulldogs are special dog food, biscuits, and mashed potatoes.

The writer used words to show sequence (*after*), and words to show information that doesn't fit (*but*).

Bulldogs need to take baths about once every month. My dad says, "You need to wash him so he stays healthy!" But just the bath isn't enough. After

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The writer punctuated dialogue correctly, with commas and quotation marks.

the bath you have to clean around their wrinkles because the wrinkles can get dirty. Also they get really smelly!

Bulldog Pets

One fact about bulldogs is that they are very tame. They are good to have around kids and they are good watchdogs. They may look like they are mean, but really they are not. For example, in my book there was a story about a Bulldog who saved his family by barking when there was a fire.

There are a few different kinds of Bulldogs, like the American Bulldog, English Bulldog, and French Bulldog. If you like dogs and you are thinking about getting one, I recommend a Bulldog.

The ending wraps up the piece and suggests to readers how they might respond.

jaw



muzzle

The writer included a picture with labels and a glossary.

Glossary

Coat: the bulldog's fur

Jaw: bones that hold the teeth

Muzzle: dog's mouth and nose

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