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# Key Stage 3

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives  
Year 8 Pack 1

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The Sources that follow are:

Source A: 21<sup>st</sup> Century non-fiction

*Forget 101 Dalmatians, 16 are driving me dotty!* by David Leafe

A newspaper article from the Daily Mail printed in 2011.

Source B: 19<sup>th</sup> Century literary non-fiction

*Carriage Dogs* by Edward Jesse.

It is an extract from a book published in 1846.

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to see the Sources**

## Forget 101 Dalmatians, 16 are driving me dotty!

The average number of puppies born to Dalmatians is eight. David Leafe has been sent to report on a dog called Milly, who has given birth to a litter of sixteen.



- 1 As the July sun sets over a Shropshire farm, sheep graze quietly in the fields, horses  
doze contentedly in their stables, and hawks circle majestically in the skies above. This  
3 rural scene is like something out of a painting, but suddenly it erupts into chaos. Around  
the corner of a barn appear 16 frisky Dalmatian puppies, tumbling and scampering in  
5 every direction as they are pursued by their owner, 21-year-old Becky Elvins.

As quickly as she can scoop them up and place them in their large wicker basket, they  
spill out again, darting between her legs, nipping at her wellingtons and endlessly  
disappearing and reappearing in a polka-dot whirl. I feel exhausted just watching the  
9 bedtime bedlam<sup>1</sup> which has been part of Becky's routine for the past seven weeks.

- 10 As a trainee teacher, she spends her day handling classes of primary school children -  
but that's nothing compared to looking after this brood, born to her much-loved  
12 Dalmatian Milly at the end of May.

Two years ago, when it was time for Milly to become a mother, Becky set about the  
business of canine love-matching via the internet. This eventually led her to Coventry,  
15 the home of a spotty suitor<sup>2</sup> named Dexter. Then, when Milly failed to go into labour two  
days after her due date, the vet decided to perform a caesarean.<sup>3</sup>

- 'He started lifting the puppies out and eventually got to eight,' says Becky. 'We thought  
that was it but then he said: "I'll start on the other half now." We couldn't believe it. It  
wasn't long before they were running all over the place, tipping over boxes of cotton  
20 wool and almost sliding off the table on to the floor.'

Back home, the family made space for Milly and the puppies in their conservatory, with  
Becky sleeping on the sofa beside their basket, unwilling to leave them for even a  
minute.

25 When the puppies are ready to be taken away next week, there will no doubt be tears  
for Becky and her family. 'The first one to go and the last are usually the most  
emotional,' says Becky. 'But you know they are going to the next stage in their lives and  
that they will be loved.'

30 As for Milly - and all the family - they will be having a very well-earned rest. 'When you  
watch the Disney cartoon, you have to wonder if anyone could ever cope with that  
many dogs in real life. We've loved having the puppies, but it's been hard enough  
looking after 16 of them - let alone 101!'

Glossary:

bedlam<sup>1</sup> – was a Victorian hospital for people with mental illness

suitor<sup>2</sup> – a mate for Milly

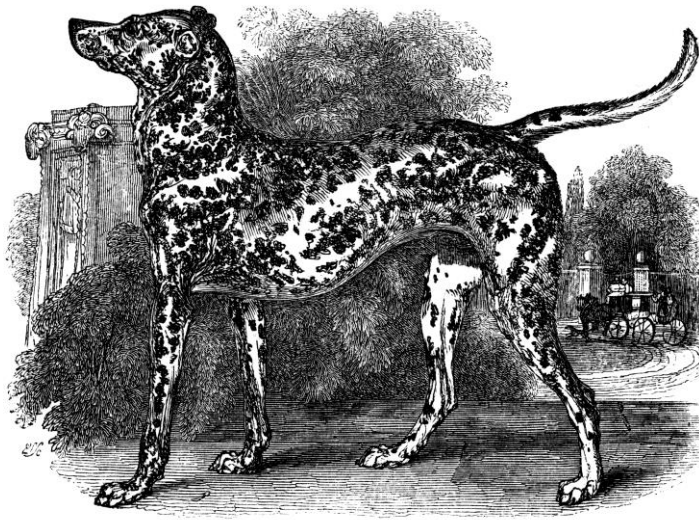
caesarean<sup>3</sup> – an operation to remove the puppies from the mother's womb if they are  
overdue or if the mother's health is at risk

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Source B

## Carriage Dogs

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Dalmatians were known as carriage dogs. They used to run alongside stagecoaches to protect the horses because they were thought to have a calming effect on them. In this text by Edward Jesse, the bond between Dalmatians and horses is clearly shown.



- 1 The Dalmatian is handsome in shape, something between the British foxhound<sup>1</sup> and English pointer<sup>1</sup>; his head more delicate than that of the latter, and something longer: his general colour white, and his whole body and legs covered with small irregular-sized black or reddish-brown spots. The pure breed has tanned cheeks and black ears.
- 5 A singular opinion prevailed at one time in this country that this beautiful dog was made more handsome by having his ears cropped: this barbarous fancy<sup>2</sup> is now fast dying away.

- The late Mr. Thomas Walker, of Manchester, had a small Dalmatian dog, which was accustomed to be in the stable with two of his carriage-horses, and to lie in a stall with
- 10 one of them, to which he was particularly attached. The servant who took care of the horses was ordered to go to Stockport<sup>3</sup> (which is distant about seven miles), upon one of the horses, and took the one above mentioned (the favourite of the dog), with him, and left the other with the dog in the stable; being apprehensive in case the dog, which was much valued by his master, should be lost upon the road.
- 15 After the man and horse had been gone about an hour, some person coming accidentally into the stable, the dog took the opportunity of quitting his imprisonment, and immediately set off in search of his horse companion. The man, who had finished the business he was sent upon, was just leaving Stockport, when he was surprised to meet the dog he had left in the stable, coming with great speed down the hill into the
- 20 town, and seemed greatly rejoiced to meet with his friendly companion, whom he had followed so far by scent.

The friendship between these animals was mutual; for the servant, going one day to water the carriage-horses at a large stone trough<sup>4</sup>, which was then at one end of the marketplace, the dog as usual accompanying them, was attacked by a large mastiff<sup>5</sup>,  
25 and in danger of being much worried<sup>6</sup>, when the horse (his friend), which was led by the servant with a halter<sup>7</sup>, suddenly broke loose from him, and went to the place where the dogs were fighting, and with a kick of one of his heels struck the mastiff from the other dog clean into a cellar opposite; and having thus rescued his companion, returned quietly with him to drink at the trough.

#### Glossary:

foxhound, pointer<sup>1</sup> – different breeds of dog.

barbarous fancy<sup>2</sup> – a cruel procedure.

Stockport<sup>3</sup> – a town in Greater Manchester.

trough<sup>4</sup> – stone drinking troughs were provided along many roads for animals to drink from.

mastiff<sup>5</sup> – a large dog known for its size and strength.

much worried<sup>6</sup> – badly injured.

halter<sup>7</sup> – a head collar used for leading horses.

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