**1. The Tale of The Red Dog**

**sparkle**  
[vi.] (~ with sth) to shine brightly with small flashes of light.  
Her jewellery sparkled in the candlelight.

**townsfolk**  
[n. plural] people who live in the towns, not in the countryside; the people who live in a particular town.  
The farm holidays are for townsfolk who would like a taste of countryside.

**giggle**  
[vi. vt.] to laugh in a silly way because you are amused, embarrass or nervous.  
The girls giggled at the joke.

**wag**  
[vt.] a dog moves its tail from side to side

**sniff**  
[vt. vi.] to breathe air in through the nose in order to discover or enjoy the smell of sth  
The dog sniffs the surroundings.

**perk up**  
[phrasal verb] (*informal*) to increase, or to make something increase in value, etc.  
His ears perked up when other animals is approaching.