



# Dog Training

Conversation > Advanced 7



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>obedient</b>	Willing to do what someone tells you to do.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: My dog is very <b>obedient</b>.</i>

<b>guide dog</b>	A dog trained to guide a blind person.
[noun]	<i>Ex: In Australia, <b>guide dogs</b> are usually purebred Labradors.</i>

<b>detect</b>	To discover or notice something, especially something that is not easy to see or hear.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Not all sounds can be <b>detected</b> by the human ear.</i>

<b>faithful</b>	Remaining loyal to something or someone.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: He was given an award for his <b>faithful</b> service to the company.</i>



<b>bark</b>	To make a short loud sound; like a dog.
[verb]	<i>Ex: My dog <b>barks</b> loudly whenever he sees a stranger.</i>

<b>fetch</b>	To go to where someone or something is and bring them/it back.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Can you help me <b>fetch</b> the groceries from my car?</i>

<b>strategy</b>	A long-range plan for achieving something or reaching a goal.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Chess is a game that requires <b>strategy</b>.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

Matt: So, does your dog know any tricks?

John: Not many. He's faithful, but not very obedient. So far I've only managed to teach him how to fetch.

Matt: So I'm guessing he wouldn't be a great guide dog?

John: I doubt it. Also, you need to have a good strategy to train a guide dog.

Matt: That's true. I've heard the same thing from a few trainers back at the dog school.

John: He does love to chase things though, so maybe he'd be a good police dog.



Matt: How's his sense of smell, John?

John: Amazing! If I'm bringing home fast food for dinner he starts barking before I even get to the front door.

Matt: In that case, maybe he can find us some lunch.

John: He can detect delicious food from miles away. Though, I think he's more likely to find a cat to chase.

Matt: That's a shame. I'd much prefer a cheeseburger.

John: Yeah, but you can't chase a cheeseburger!



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

guide dog

obedient

faithful

barked

detects

strategy

fetch

1. My little daughter got scared when the dog \_\_\_\_\_ at her.
2. Let me go \_\_\_\_\_ some drinks and chips from the kitchen.
3. In order to win against him, I need a good \_\_\_\_\_!
4. Hollywood movies are not \_\_\_\_\_ records of historical events.
5. When this sensor \_\_\_\_\_ smoke, it sets off an alarm.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ saved him from falling from the platform.
7. He's such an \_\_\_\_\_ person. He listens to everyone!



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** You were walking your dog through the park when you met your friend Kate. Talk to her about your dog. The teacher can be Kate.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. Do you like animals? Why? Why not?
2. If you were given a chance, would you like to be a dog trainer? Why? Why not?
3. Which do you think would be more difficult, being a doctor or being a veterinarian? Why?
4. Do you think people can communicate with animals? Why? Why not?
5. Which traits does a person need in order to be able to work with animals?