# **Shiba Inu**

Shiba Inus are one of the cutest dogs breeds in the world. Many people mistake them for foxes, whereas some people think they resemble small teddy bears. But before they became known for their beauty, the Japanese originally used these tiny terrors for hunting smaller animals.

**History**

This ancient dog has been around for approximately 2000 years. At first, Shibas were native to Japan, but after World War II more and more have started to make their home all over the world. According to the American Kennel Club, the breed nearly became extinct during World War II. Thanks to breeding programs, the dogs have now become a national treasure. As part of their restoration, every Shiba around today can be sourced from three bloodlines that had survived.

**Modern Day Popularity**

From 2010, the Shiba Inu became unbelievably popular as one particular Shiba, Doge, became a hit internet sensation. Pictures of Doge with countless funny captions - known as memes- spread over the internet, and thanks to that, the whole world has at least seen one Shiba Inu. Apart from that, families worldwide have begun to adopt Shibas more frequently for two big reasons. Firstly, they are more common, and secondly, their size makes them perfect for smaller houses.

**Personality**

Despite looking like a teddy bear, Shibas do not like cuddles and are generally independent. This proud dog loves to maintain a high level of cleanliness and spends most of its time grooming itself. When it is ready to play, Shibas are high energy and love to be engaged both physically and mentally. Despite not showing a lot of affection, this fox-like dog is extremely loyal and would do anything for its family.

D, B, C, B

B, D, B, B

D, A, B, Doge

A, A, B, C

B, D, D

## MCQ Questions

| **#** | **Type** | **Question** | **Results** |
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| 1 | Fact finding | Why do you think people mistake Shiba Inus for foxes?   * 1. They are a breed of fox   2. They come from foxes   3. They are foxes   4. **They look like foxes** | EE (100%)  Baseline |
| 2 | vocab | What does the word “resemble” (line 2) mean?   * 1. Assemble   2. **Look like**   3. Identical   4. Have something in common | D (33%)  Baseline |
| 3 | Fact finding | What were Shiba Inus used for initially?   * 1. They were used as teddy bears   2. They were used to terrify people   3. **They were used for hunting**   4. They are used to hunt teddy bears | EE (100%)  Baseline |
| 4 | phrases | Why do you think the author calls these dogs ‘tiny terrors’?   * 1. Because they are terrifying   2. **Because they are small and can be dangerous**   3. Because they are terrible creatures   4. Because it is a common nickname for Shibas | D (33%)  Baseline |
| 5 | phrases | Shiba Inus are described as “ancient”, why do you think that is?   * 1. They are incredibly cute   2. **They have been around a long time**   3. They have a really big internet following   4. They are incredibly useful for hunting | EE (100%)  Baseline |
| 6 | Fact finding | Where did Shiba Inus originally come from?   * 1. **Japan**   2. American Kennel Club   3. America   4. All over the world | EE (100%)  Baseline |
| 7 | Fact finding | What stopped the breed from dying out?   * 1. World War II helped them find new homes   2. A national treasure program helped them become famous   3. They were bred by the American Kennel Club   4. **A special breeding program to help restore their numbers** | EE (100%)  Great |
| 8 | Writing technique | ‘Thanks to breeding programs, the dogs have now become a national treasure.’ What writing technique is ‘national treasure’?   * 1. Simile   2. **Metaphor**   3. Personification   4. Hyperbole | DD (17%)  Great |
| 9 | vocab | What does ‘restoration’ in line 10 mean?   * 1. Fixing something damaged or broken   2. Undoing a mistake that lead to something bad   3. Re-doing something to avoid a bad future   4. **Bring up the level of something to its previous level** | DD (0%)  Baseline |
| 10 | phrases | In the text, it says ‘sourced from three bloodlines”. What does this mean?   * 1. **Every Shiba today comes from the three remaining families**   2. Each Shiba is one type of the remaining Shiba   3. The breeding program joined the three remaining families   4. There are only three types of bloodlines of dogs in the world. | E (67%)  Baseline |
| 11 | phrases | What does it mean to become an “internet sensation” (line 13)?   * 1. To learn how to use the internet   2. **To become popular on the internet**   3. To be on the internet   4. To become sensitive to the internet | EE (83%)  Great |
| 12 | Fact finding | What is the name of the famous Shiba Inu?  Doge | EE (100%)  Baseline |
| 13 | inference | What is a “meme” (line 14)?   * 1. **It is a funny picture worth sharing with others**   2. It is a picture with a caption   3. It is a picture of Doge   4. It is not stated | A (50%)  Broken |
| 14 | inference | Why are more families adopting Shiba Inus recently?   * 1. **They are easier to get and do not take up much space**   2. They are famous and well known   3. Everybody wants to own their own Doge dog   4. They are fit easily in common spaces | DD (17%)  Great |
| 15 | inference | What reason best explains why Shibas do not like cuddles that much?   * 1. Shibas are hunters and therefore are aggressive   2. **Shibas prefer spending time by themselves**   3. Shibas rely on their humans to survive   4. Shibas are too small to enjoy being cuddled | EE (100%)  Baseline |
| 16 | Fact finding | What do Shibas spend the majority of their time doing?   * 1. Hunting   2. Playing   3. **Cleaning**   4. Sleeping | E (67%)  Baseline |
| 17 | Technique | What writing technique is used here: “the whole world has at least seen one Shiba Inu.”   1. Personfications 2. **Hyperbole** 3. Simile 4. Metaphor |  |
| 18 | t/f | Which of these statements are true?   1. Shiba Inus are always high energy 2. Shiba Inus will often look for their owners in the house 3. People only adopt shibas because they are more common and small 4. **Shiba Inus can show some affection** |  |
| 19 | inference | What statement best summarises the writer’s opinion of the Shiba Inu   1. The writer is expressing facts rather than opinions for people to learn about this dog breed 2. The writer likes the dog breed a lot and is trying to get others to buy one 3. The writer does not particularly like nor dislike the dog breed 4. **The writer is making the dog breed sound as best possible because they may like it a lot** |  |
| 20 |  | What do you think are some qualities of the Shiba Inu that some people look for in a pet? (4 marks) |  |
| 21 |  | What are some qualities in the Shiba Inu that may put some people off owning one? |  |