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**Instructions:** In the first row, write what you already know about shelter pets. In the second row, write what you would like to learn about them. After you finish reading, fill in the third row with information you learned from reading the book and the fourth row with what you still want to know.

<b>K: What I Know</b>
<b>W: What I Want to Know</b>
<b>L: What I Learned</b>
<b>S: What I Still Want to Know</b>

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**Instructions:** On the blank after each statement, write an "O" if the statement is an opinion, or write an "F" if it is a fact.

- ① More than 6 million animals live in shelters in the United States. \_\_\_\_\_
- ② Kittens and puppies are cute, no matter where they come from. \_\_\_\_\_
- ③ Some animals are at the shelter because their owners can't take care of them anymore. \_\_\_\_\_
- ④ Some animals are at the shelter because they are lost. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑤ People shouldn't get pets if they don't think they will be able to care for them properly. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑥ Mixed-breed animals are often healthier than purebred animals. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑦ Families should always talk to a pet adoption counselor. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑧ After choosing the right pet, a family pays the shelter a fee. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑨ Puppy mills are not good places to buy a puppy. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑩ When shelters become overcrowded, even healthy, tame pets are given a shot that painlessly ends their lives. \_\_\_\_\_



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**Instructions:** Read the sentences from *Shelter Pets Are Best*. Identify the subordinating conjunction, write it on the line below, and circle the dependent clause.

- ① If your family is looking for a new pet, you should adopt one from a shelter.

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

- ② When you adopt a shelter pet, you give an animal a second chance at a happy and healthy life.

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

- ③ After choosing the right pet, a family pays a shelter a fee.

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

- ④ If the pet becomes lost, the microchip can help someone find the owner.

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑤ Whenever shelters become overcrowded, even healthy, tame pets are given a shot that painlessly ends their lives.

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑥ If more people adopted from shelters, fewer pets would be “put to sleep.”

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑦ When you adopt from a shelter, you are likely to get a pet that is healthy and happy.

Subordinating conjunction: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions:** Choose the correct homograph meaning for the underlined words. Write the letter on the line.

Homographs are words that are spelled the same and have different meanings. These words may be pronounced differently.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. a place where you buy something | b. a group or type          |
| c. such as                         | d. to protect               |
| e. a place for animals to live     | f. to enjoy                 |
| g. coming in the future            | h. a form of transportation |
| i. to instruct                     | j. nice                     |

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1. Which kind of pet is best for you? \_\_\_\_\_

2. He is a very kind man. \_\_\_\_\_

3. This cat lives in a shelter. \_\_\_\_\_

4. I will shelter you from those mean kids. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Pets like Buzz weren't cared for by their owners. \_\_\_\_\_

6. I like pizza. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Their owners didn't train them properly. \_\_\_\_\_

8. We will take the train to Canada. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Look for your nearest pet store. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Exciting things are in store for you! \_\_\_\_\_



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