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Level **D**

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Extended Response Question for Test 2



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# Directions

Read this article. Then answer the question.

## Hearing Ear Dogs

- 1 Many people have heard about seeing eye dogs. These dogs work with people with vision problems. Seeing eye dogs are specially trained to help these people and lead them around safely. Seeing eye dogs are very important because they help people live safely by themselves. But, did you know that seeing eye dogs are not the only type of service dog? Hearing ear dogs are much like seeing eye dogs. Just as seeing eye dogs use their eyes to help their human partners, hearing ear dogs use their ears to help.

### What They Do

- 2 The dogs chosen to become hearing ear dogs must have excellent hearing and must be able to hear many types of noises in different places. Then they go through a difficult training program that can last from three months to two years. In this program, the dogs learn to listen to human partners, be more aware of sounds, and help their partners.

- 3 A hearing ear dog's main job is to hear and understand different sounds. That means the dog is always listening to what is happening around it. A well-trained dog listens for sounds, and then it lets its human partner know what is happening. These are some of the sounds that these dogs listen for:

- telephones and alarm clocks
- doorbells and door knocks
- smoke and fire alarms
- a baby's cries
- people's voices
- traffic sounds, such as car horns



**Go On**

## How They “Talk”

- 4            Since a hearing ear dog cannot talk and its human partner cannot hear, it has to find a way to share information with its human partner. To do this, it must get the human’s attention. Not all dogs do this the same way. A small hearing ear dog may jump on the person’s lap. A larger dog might put its nose on the person’s hand. Once the person is paying attention, the dog might bark, look toward the sound, or lead the person to where the noise is coming from. The dogs’ actions depend on what type of sound they hear. For example, a dog might lead a human partner away from a traffic sound but toward a doorbell sound.

## How They Are Chosen and Trained

- 5            Hearing ear dogs must be carefully chosen. They must have certain traits. For example, a good hearing ear dog should stay calm in noisy places. It should also notice different types of sounds. The dog must be healthy and should have good eyesight and hearing. It must also be friendly with people and other animals. Even though these dogs have to have all these traits, all different types of dogs can work as hearing ear dogs. Some hearing ear dogs are well-known breeds such as Labrador retrievers or German shepherds. However, many other hearing ear dogs are mixed breeds. They come from animal shelters and dog rescue groups.
- 6            Dogs are trained for this important job at different ages. Some dogs begin as puppies. Others begin training when they are a little older. All hearing ear dogs should be at least one year old before they start to work with their human partners, though.
- 7            Dogs can be trained by a number of different training groups. Some programs last about three months while others can last up to two years. The dogs are trained to listen to their owners, react to different sounds, and respond to voice and hand signals. After the training program is over, the best dogs are ready to begin their work. They will use their skills to act as another set of ears for a person with hearing problems.

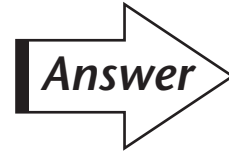
## Making a Match

- 8           The group that trained the dog makes sure that the dog and its human partner are a good match. Also, the human partner goes through a type of training, too. This training teaches the human how to work with the dog.
- 9           The hearing ear dogs and their humans work together for a time before they become official partners. This time together can last from a week to a month. The dog and the human have the chance to live and work together during this time. They figure out if they work well together. The best human-dog teams have a good working relationship and a strong bond that lasts for years.

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## *Planning Page*

You may **PLAN** your writing for this question here if you wish, but do **NOT** write your final answer on this page. Your writing on this Planning Page will **NOT** count toward your final score. Write your final answer on Pages 7 and 8.



The article explains that hearing ear dogs are special animals that have to have particular traits and go through important training. The traits and training help the dogs complete their jobs. What traits are especially important for hearing ear dogs to have? Why are these traits important? How do they help the dogs do their jobs well? Use details from the article to support your answer.

In your response, be sure to do the following:

- list the traits that make the best hearing ear dogs
- describe the tasks hearing ear dogs have to complete
- explain the ways their traits help the dogs do their jobs well
- include details from the article to support your answer

Write your answer in complete sentences.

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# Scoring Rubric

## Extended-Response (4-Point) Holistic Rubric

Extended-response questions assess both reading and writing standards. Scores for extended-response questions are based on four overarching criteria: content and analysis; command of evidence; coherence, organization, and style; and control of conventions. Extended-response questions are scored on the rubric below, which incorporates these four criteria.

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**Criteria**      **CONTENT AND ANALYSIS:**  
the extent to which the essay conveys ideas and information clearly and accurately in order to support analysis of topics or text

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**Score of 4**    Essays at this level:

- clearly introduce a topic in a manner that follows logically from the task and purpose
- demonstrate comprehension and analysis of the text

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**Score of 3**    Essays at this level:

- clearly introduce a topic in a manner that follows from the task and purpose
- demonstrate grade-appropriate comprehension of the text(s)

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**Score of 2**    Essays at this level:

- introduce a topic in a manner that follows generally from the task and purpose
- demonstrate a confused comprehension of the text(s)

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**Score of 1**    Essays at this level:

- introduce a topic in a manner that does not logically follow from the task and purpose
- demonstrate little understanding of the text

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**Score of 0**    Essays at this level:

- demonstrate a lack of comprehension of the text or task

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**Criteria**      **COMMAND OF EVIDENCE:** the extent to which the essay presents evidence from the provided texts to support analysis and reflection

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**Score of 4**    Essays at this level:

- develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, and details throughout the essay

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**Score of 3**    Essays at this level:

- develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, and details throughout the essay

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**Score of 2**    Essays at this level:

- partially develop the topic of the essay with the use of some textual evidence, some of which may be irrelevant

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**Score of 1**    Essays at this level:

- demonstrate an attempt to use evidence, but only develop ideas with minimal, occasional evidence which is generally invalid or irrelevant

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**Score of 0**    Essays at this level:

- provide no evidence or provide evidence that is completely irrelevant

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**Criteria** COHERENCE, ORGANIZATION, AND STYLE:  
the extent to which the essay logically organizes complex ideas, concepts, and information using formal style and precise language

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**Score of 4** Essays at this level:

- clearly and consistently group related information together
- skillfully connect ideas within categories of information using linking words and phrases
- provide a concluding statement that follows clearly from the topic and information presented

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**Score of 3** Essays at this level:

- generally group related information together
- connect ideas within categories of information using linking words and phrases
- provide a concluding statement that follows from the topic and information presented

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**Score of 2** Essays at this level:

- exhibit some attempt to group related information together
- inconsistently connect ideas using some linking words and phrases
- provide a concluding statement that follows generally from the topic and information presented

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**Score of 1** Essays at this level:

- exhibit little attempt at organization
- lack the use of linking words and phrases
- provide a concluding statement that is illogical or unrelated to the topic and information presented

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**Score of 0** Essays at this level:

- exhibit no evidence of organization
- do not provide a concluding statement

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**Criteria** CONTROL OF CONVENTIONS: the extent to which the essay demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling

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**Score of 4** Essays at this level:

- demonstrate grade-appropriate command of conventions, with few errors

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**Score of 3** Essays at this level:

- demonstrate grade-appropriate command of conventions, with occasional errors that do not hinder comprehension

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**Score of 2** Essays at this level:

- demonstrate emerging command of conventions, with some errors that may hinder comprehension

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**Score of 1** Essays at this level:

- demonstrate a lack of command of conventions, with frequent errors that hinder comprehension

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**Score of 0** Essays at this level:

- are minimal, making assessment of conventions unreliable

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# Answer Key

## Rehearsal Test 2

### Test 2, Book 2

Question Type	Points	Common Core Learning Standard
Extended-Response	4	RI.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

Use the 4-point extended-response holistic rubric for this question.

Extended-response sample answer:

Hearing ear dogs have to have a number of traits so they can help their human partners. Hearing ear dogs should have excellent vision and hearing. This is important because the dogs have to tell the difference between different types of sounds and lead their human partners to specific places. They could not do those things without good vision and hearing. The dogs should also be friendly around other people and animals. This is important because the dogs have to go to many different places with their human partners. If the dogs are not friendly, they might not be able to be around people and animals in the places their human partners need to go. Finally, hearing ear dogs have to be able to stay calm in noisy places. These dogs have to use their ears to help their human partners, so they have to be able to listen to many different types of sounds while still being calm and helpful.