



ABOUT THE SHOW

Study Guide

5 years before Walt Disney's famed animated film hit movie theaters in 1961, Dodie Smith wrote the original children's novel, *The Hundred and One Dalmatians*.

Born in England in 1896, Dorothy "Dodie" Smith was an accomplished performer throughout her early years finding much success as a touring actress throughout France during World War I, putting on plays for enlisted soldiers. This career was what guided her to start writing her own plays and scripts to perform. It wasn't until the 1920's while Dodie was working as a shopgirl in a furniture store that one of her scripts, written under the pseudonym Charles Henry Percy, was sold. She was able to continue writing works of art under various names and wasn't until her play script (written under another pseudonym, C.L. Anthony) was published that she was unmasked by a local reporter.

What she thought might be the end of her career ended up helping her begin the life she was always destined to have!

Dodie continued in Europe writing for the stage, radio, and screen under her real name. In the early 1940's she and her husband relocated to the United States due to her husband's very vocal objections to working for the military. It was in the U.S.A. that her inspiration for her spotted novel came to be. She and her husband were animal lovers and had, at one time, 9 dalmatians! One of their dalmatians was even named Pongo – later to be used as the main protagonist canine in her book. The idea came to her while she was visiting with some friends when a group of dalmatians was being walked. One of her friends turned to her and said, "those dogs would make a lovely fur coat".

A simple conversation with friends gave way to Smith's 199-page novel, originally titled, *The Great Dog Robbery*, that would entertain kids and adults of all ages.

Dodie was paid \$25,000 for selling the film rights to Walt Disney and after she watched the film, she told Disney that she loved the film (especially the animation style of the film), but was severely disappointed with how small her name appeared in the film's credits. Disney and Smith had a very open and longstanding pen pal relationship during and after the film wrapped up production. In one of his letters to her, he sent an apology about the size font of her name and subsequently gifted her original animation artwork with a newly enlarged font for her name.

Dorothy "Dodie" Smith's novel has been the source for countless adaptations and served as inspiration for dozens of other pieces of art. After all these years, the story still finds ways to entertain new generations and make dalmatian lovers out of us all.

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Learn Your Vocabulary

Pseudonym – a fictitious name that a person uses instead of their real name.

Destined – means certain to do or be something in the future, or heading toward a specific place.

Protagonist – the main character in a book, movie, play, or story who drives the plot forward.

Pen Pal – a person with whom you regularly exchange written letters or messages, often someone you have never met in person and who may live in a different country.

Subsequently – happening afterward, later, or following another event in time.

Questions from the Reading

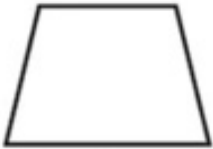
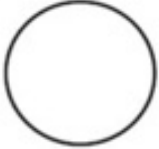
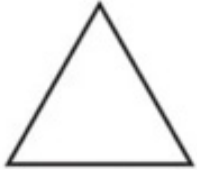
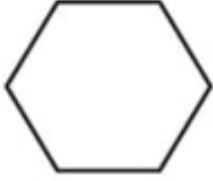
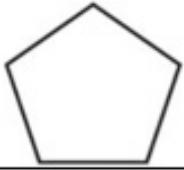
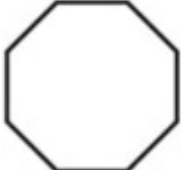
Using the passage and vocabulary from above, answer the questions.

1. Which name below is one of Dodie's pseudonyms?
 - A. Walt Disney
 - B. C.L. Anthony
 - C. D.D. Smith
 - D. Pongo Dearly
2. *101 Dalmatians* was originally published under which title?
 - A. *The One Hundred and One Dalmatians*
 - B. *The Great Puppy Kidnapping*
 - C. *Disney's 101 Dalmatians*
 - D. *The Great Dog Robbery*
3. Dorothy "Dodie" Smith worked in a furniture store when her first script was finally sold.
 - A. True
 - B. False
4. Dodie had dalmatians as pets in real life. What was the highest number of dalmatians that she owned at a single time?
 - A. 101
 - B. 7
 - C. 9
 - D. 6
5. How much money was Dorothy Smith paid for the filming rights to her novel?
 - A. \$2,500
 - B. \$25,000
 - C. \$25
 - D. \$250

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Shapes

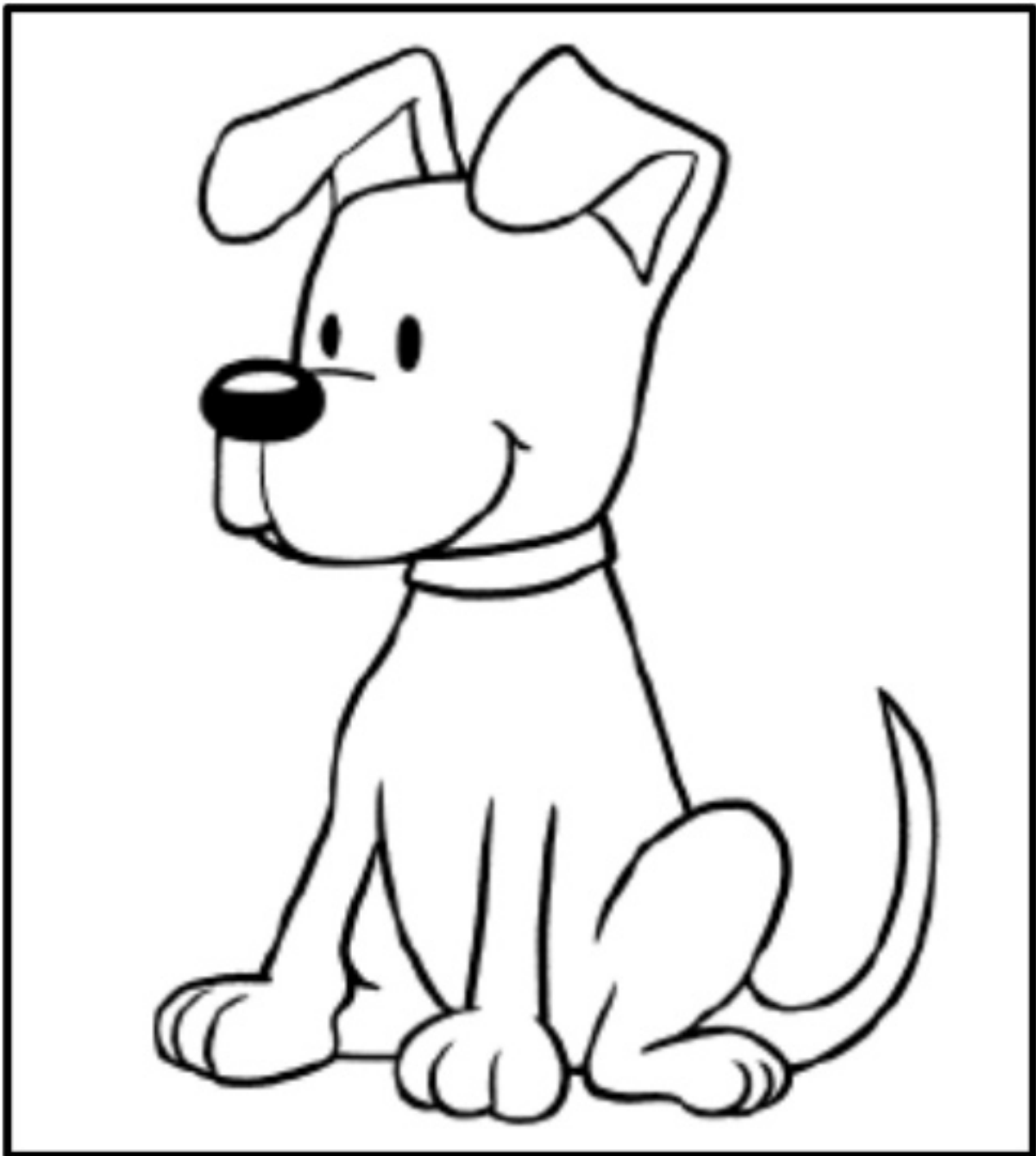
Each dalmatian dog has unique spots and patterns on their fur coats. Sometimes their spots can resemble shapes or have a distinctive placement on their body (like a large spot over their eye). Match the shapes below with the proper name for each.

Square 4 equal sides	
Pentagon 5 sides with 5 angles	
Rectangle 4 sides, and the opposite sides are equal in length	
Trapezoid 4 sides, 2 sides are parallel	
Hexagon 6 sides	
Octagon 8 sides	
Triangle 3 sides	
Circle no sides, closed curve	

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Your Dalmatian Puppy

Draw in as many spots as you'd like for the dalmatian below using only 2 of the shapes from above! Don't forget to name your dalmatian!



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Word Search

Search up, down, and all around for the words listed:

**Dalmatian - London - Fur Coat - Spots- Cruella De Vil - Horace -
Jasper - Dodie - Pongo - Perdita**

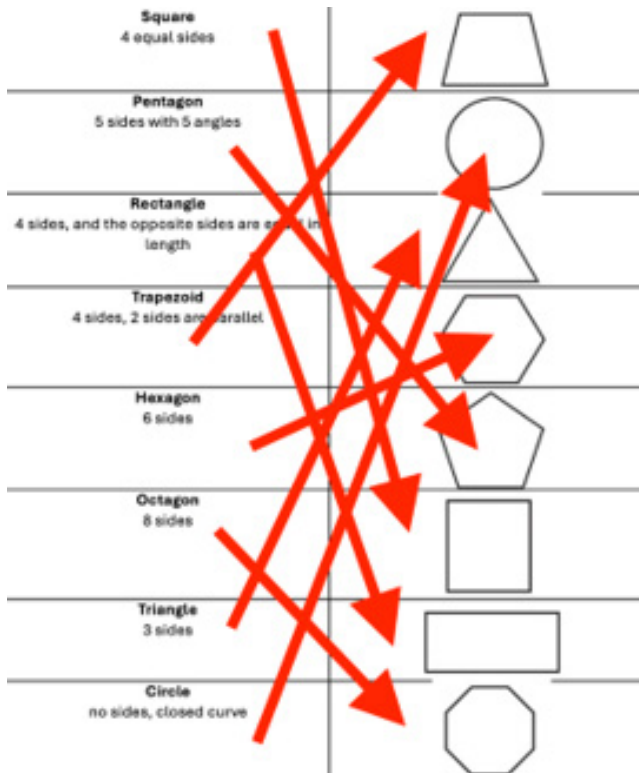
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ANSWER KEY

Answer Key

Questions from the Reading

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. C
5. B



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Standards

RI.1.1: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

K.G.2: Correctly name shapes regardless of their orientations or overall size.

2.G.1: Recognize and identify triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, and hexagons based on the number of sides or vertices.