

Alpine Search Dogs

Topic: Rescue dogs

Curriculum link: Health, Physical Education

Text type: Explanation

Reading level: 24

Word count: 631

Vocabulary: alpine, chairlift, direction, disappears, disturbed, handler, memorises, moisture, scent, search party, skidoo, trained, trapped

Possible literacy focus

Comprehending the text at the literal, inferential and interpretative level.

Using features of a non-fiction text to support understanding: contents page, introduction, conclusion.

Summary

This book explains how dogs search for missing people in alpine regions. It focuses on the work of one alpine search dog and his handler.

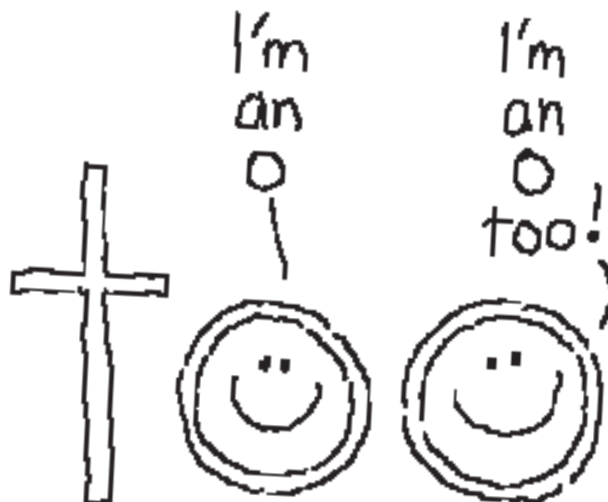
Task Card

Double letter word hunt

You will need:

paper, pencils

1. Hunt for words in *Alpine Search Dogs* that have double letters in them.
2. Write them down.
3. What are the rules for forming words with double letters?
4. Share your list with a friend.





Name _____

Plurals

Complete the table below. See if you can work out the different rules for making words plural.

Singular	Plural
dog	dogs
mountain	
flake	
sniff	
scent	
animal	
leaf	leaves
life	
half	
baby	babies
berry	
butterfly	

Now look for other singular words and write them here along with their plural forms.



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Mini book

Write what you know about alpine search dogs under the following headings. Cut out the sections then staple them together to make a mini book.

	Alpine Search Dogs by
	Nanook
	Following a scent
	Sniffing the ground
	Sniffing the air
	Searching in the dark
	Finding a missing person