

Exercise 6.5 Text following – The Saint Bernard

Speaker Copy
Listener Copy

Instructions from the Speaker to the Listener

I will read the following passage. Follow the passage by pointing to each word as I speak it. When I stop, repeat the last word I said. (The Speaker decides where to stop and should do so several times during the passage.)

The Saint Bernard

A large, strong dog was specially raised in the Swiss Alps in Europe. It grew to have a thick brown and white coat. The dog was called a Saint Bernard. It was first trained by monks. They lived in a mountain shelter called The Lodge of Saint Bernard. The shelter was for hikers and skiers.

The dogs were trained to help patrol the snow-covered trails. They were trained to search for people lost in the mountains. They would drag or lead the people back to the shelter. There the people could be taken care of by the monks.

The monks soon learned that walking or lying cold in the snow caused people to become very thirsty. So they tied small kegs of water or alcohol around the necks of the Saint Bernard. In the case of the person being able to walk, a sip could be taken to restore energy. If the lost person was not awake, the Saint Bernard would drag them to the lodge. If the person woke up during the journey, he or she could take a sip from the keg while being taken to the lodge.