

Hotel Worker in Doghouse

Lesson 2

A. Pre-Reading Preparation

About the Text

In this text, the writer describes a very unusual hotel employee: a dog. She explains the role of the dog in the hotel and suggests that the experience is very positive for the hotel guests and the other hotel employees.

1. Are you familiar with the idiom “in the doghouse”? Look in a dictionary and try to find the equivalent in your own language.
2. Have you ever heard of a dog working in a hotel? What kind of job do you think it would do?
3. Do you have a dog? Would you think about training it for a job? What job would it be?



Teagan with the doorman at the Waterfront Hotel.

B. Reading

Read the following text twice. If you do not understand certain words, try to deduce their meanings from the context in which they appear. Check the vocabulary list for quick reference, then look up the words that are new to you in a dictionary for a more comprehensive understanding.

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By Sarah Galashan, The Vancouver Sun

- 1 The newest **employee** at Vancouver's Fairmont Waterfront Hotel **lounges** around the lobby, wears his **blond** hair in a long, **shaggy** cut and takes naps when no one's watching. Teagan, a six-month-old Wheaten **terrier**, is a hit with hotel guests, who for the past week have had the chance to walk, jog, or just spend time with him.
- 2 "I want to walk the dog," David Byers, a Seattle resident, said as he checked in Thursday evening. "I'm the biggest animal lover in the world."
- 3 The concept of a **communal** pet is new to **tourism** in Vancouver. But Jill Killeen, the hotel's public relations manager, said Teagan's popularity is proof that sometimes you have to think small to stand out.
- 4 "I think the other hotels are watching with amusement," she said, but she is **adamant** the dog is more than a **gimmick**. "He's part of the Waterfront family."
- 5 According to **pamphlets** left in every hotel room, Teagan loves jogging along the Stanley Park **seawall** and going for "**walkies**." But he can also be booked to spend time in hotel rooms just keeping guests company. Last week, a family of four took the puppy for an afternoon of sightseeing.

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