

Franklin Jr./Sr High School Reading Article

Benno Eats Ammo

Reading Strategy for the Article: Students will take turns reading aloud. Mark the text and write in the margins as you read.

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Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND WRITE NOTES in the margin box. This requires reading of the article **more than once**.

Step 1: Skim the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

Step 2: Number the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:

- Comments that show that you **understand** the article. A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.
- Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

Step 3: A final quick read noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your margin notes will be assessed by your teacher along with your answers to the questions.

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An Arkansas veterinarian has kept a dog from going out with a bang after the animal ate 23 live rifle rounds.

Benno is a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois. He had surgery to remove the .308 caliber ammunition from his stomach, The Baxter Bulletin newspaper reported.

Owner Larry Brassfield said Benno has eaten socks, magnets and marbles. He didn't expect the animal would bother a bag of bullets left by a bed. Brassfield and his wife realized Benno needed medical attention after the pet vomited up four rounds.

Veterinarian Sarah Sexton at All Creatures Animal Hospital in Mountain Home removed 17 rounds from Benno's stomach. She left two in his esophagus, which the dog was allowed to discharge on his own.

"This is something they certainly did not cover in school," Sexton said. "I've had dogs eat things before, mostly stuffed toys. Once I had one swallow a hearing aid. But I think this takes the cake."

Brassfield said he won't leave ammo lying around anymore. But he isn't optimistic that Benno will stick to dog food.

"You can baby-proof a house," Brassfield said. "But I don't think it's possible to Benno-proof a house. Lord knows, we've tried and failed."

Notes on my thoughts, reactions and questions as I read.

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Dog owner Sonny Brassfield and veterinarian Dr. Sarah Sexton play with Brassfield's Belgian Malinois "Benno" – AP photos



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Comprehension Questions— you may answer in phrases.

1. What did Benno do?
2. What did the owners think Benno had done?
3. What is an esophagus?
4. What does the word caliber mean in this article?

Answer the following questions in one or more complete sentences.

1. Why were two rounds left in Benno?
2. What does the phrase “this takes the cake” mean in this article?
3. In the space below, write an email to Benno’ family in order to give them advice on how to Benno Proof their house.