

You can teach a pet dog some words like 'sit' or 'stay'. But how many words can a dog learn?

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... | elimination    | a. | giving a feeling of great surprise                                     |
| 2..... | a puzzle       | b. | a container  |
| 3..... | meow           | c. | new and innovative   |
| 4..... | groundbreaking | d. | toy animals that are made out of fabric                                |
| 5..... | a crate        | e. | the process of removing something                                      |
| 6..... | cloth animals  | f. | a dog  |
| 7..... | a canine       | g. | a problem that requires some thought, skill or cleverness to be solved |
| 8..... | astounding     | h. | the cry of a cat   |

### 1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the answer to these questions.

1. How many years ago did John Pilley find his perfect student, Chaser?
 

a. 6	b. 7	c. 17
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2. How many words has Chaser the dog learned?
 

a. 1,002	b. 1,022	c. 1,202
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3. How many years of intensive training has she had?
 

a. 3	b. 4	c. 5
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4. How many balls has she learned?
 

a. 106	b. 116	c. 117
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5. How many cloth animals has she learned?
 

a. 600	b. 700	c. 800
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6. How many items are on the mat?
 

a. 4	b. 5	c. 6
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### Discussion

Do you think animals can understand human language?