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Dale of the RCMP

This is the true story of a very intelligent member of the RCMP. Dale was a big handsome police dog who worked tirelessly for four years.

Dale, a German Shepard, was one of the first dogs to be used in police work. He showed a natural talent to track and to guard. So he was chosen to be trained by one of the Mounties. Dale did most of his work in the prairies. Here are some stories about this brave dog.

Dale's trainer brought the dog to sniff out an empty car left on a highway. The Mounties knew it had been stolen. They wanted to see if Dale could pick up the scent of the thief. Dale sniffed round and round the car. Then he set out for the open prairie. The ground was covered with mud and snow. This made it hard for Dale to follow the scent but he kept on going for five miles. Finally they reached an old shack. Inside the shack the Mounties found the thief.

Once Dale saved the life of a little girl lost on the Alberta prairie. The two-year old child had wandered away from her farm home earlier that day. No one had been able to find her. Dale and his master answered the call to help. By morning a hundred people had searched all night. They were ready to give up. Dale arrived just as the searchers came back. He sniffed at a small sweater that belonged to the child. Before long Dale had found the little girl. She was lying in a wheat field about two miles from her home. The search party had walked past her. She had been hidden by the tall grain.

Another time, some Mounties were out on foot on the flat open prairie. A sudden snow storm came up. Soon they were lost in the blinding snow. After hours of trying to find their way, the Mounties let Dale loose. Dale was able to lead them safely to a farm house. Dale had saved them all from death.

Dale worked very hard for four years. Finally he had to retire because the vet said his heart was failing. His fellow Mounties honoured him with the name "The Silent Partner."





Dale of the RCMP

A. Word Power

1. Unscramble the letters to match words in the story.

guard Mounties prairies Silent Partner talent trainer

a) ttnael _____	b) draug _____	c) pareriis _____
d) tSniel rPnerat _____	e) trrenai _____	f) seitMnou _____

2. “Y” as a Vowel

When “y” comes at the end of a word with no vowel, it usually says **long “i.”**

It can also say **long “i”** if there is an “e” at the end.

Examples: cry dye

When “y” comes at the end of a word with another vowel in it, it usually says long “e.”

Examples: story pretty

Read these words from your story. Listen for the sound of “y.”

Write **long i** or **long e** to tell the sound of “y.”

- a) by _____
- b) empty _____
- c) finally _____
- d) ready _____
- e) safely _____
- f) very _____





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B. Understanding the Story

1. Circle **Yes** if the sentence is **true**. Circle **No** if the sentence is **not true**.

- a) Dale was a black Lab dog. Yes No
- b) Dale did most of his work on the prairies. Yes No
- c) Dale could track through mud and snow. Yes No
- d) Dale saved the life of a little boy in Alberta. Yes No
- e) Dale worked for the Mounties for ten years. Yes No
- f) Dale earned the name “The Silent Partner.” Yes No

2. Dale had many qualities that made him a good police dog.
 Read the words below that describe these qualities.
 Find and record proof from the story to match these qualities.

Quality That Dale Showed	Proof From the Story
clever	
determined	
loyal	
heroic	



