

**READ THE PASSAGE** Visualize a dog doing each action described in the passage.

### **Ways Dogs Talk**

Dogs use their voices and bodies to talk to people. Watch a dog's actions. You can learn to tell what it is trying to say.

A dog shows when it is happy to see you. It looks at you and wags its tail, or it runs around quickly in circles. Some happy dogs will jump up on you. A scared dog acts differently than a happy dog. A frightened dog puts its tail down between its legs. Some scared dogs growl. Others try to hide.

Dogs like being with people, so they try to get your attention. They tap you with a paw or place their head in your lap. They also might look at you and bark or howl.

Dogs show when they want to be left alone, too. A dog that is upset will bare its teeth, or it will growl. Both are signs to stay away!

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Think back to the dog's actions you pictured while you read. With a partner, describe a dog doing two of those actions.

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the item. Write your response.

1. What are two reasons that a dog might growl?

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2. Picture an unfamiliar dog running toward you with a wagging tail. What can you assume?

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3. You see your friend's dog hiding behind a chair. Should you try to touch it? Explain.

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