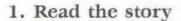
# **Smart Guard**



Look at the pictures on these pages. What is the story about? Now read it.



VLADIMIR, RUSSIA <sup>1</sup>Sergey Sokolov is a guard in a small town in western Russia. In the winter, he takes care of a group of summer homes that are empty for several months. When the owners are out of town, Sokolov is responsible for the houses. <sup>2</sup>His job can be dangerous because there are plenty of thieves in the neighborhood who have broken into\* these homes.

<sup>3</sup>Sokolov is not big or strong, but he *is* smart. One day he had a good idea. "I know how to keep these thieves away!" he thought. <sup>4</sup>Sokolov made extremely large boots and, with big steps, walked in the snow all around the houses.

5Clearly, criminals have studied the great big footprints\*\* because they have stayed away.
6Sokolov's job is much easier now. "Crime is down almost fifty percent\*\*\*," he says. "Those footprints really scared them!"

- \*broken into: gone into a place by breaking a window or door to steal something
- \*\* footprints: marks that your feet make on the ground
- \*\*\* percent: %; in each hundred

#### **NEW WORDS**

guard ntake care of  $\nu$ owner n be responsible for v plenty of n neighborhood n

idea n extremely adv boot n step n clearly adv study v almost adv scare v

>> See Glossary on page 88. >>

# 2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All A Lot

# 3. Check your comprehension

Match the first and second parts of the sentences. The first one is done for you.

- a. Sokolov watches a group of 4
- b. His job can be \_\_\_\_
- c. One day he had \_\_\_\_
- d. He made
- e. The criminals studied \_\_\_\_
- f. Crime is down by \_\_\_\_

- 1. an idea.
- 2. great big boots.
- 3. the large footprints.
  - 4. summer homes.
- 5. almost fifty percent.
- 6. dangerous.

# 4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. When the o\_\_\_\_s are away, Sokolov takes \_\_\_\_ of their summer homes.
- b. The neigh\_\_\_\_ has ple\_\_ of thieves.
- c. Sokolov wanted to sc\_\_\_ the criminals, so he made large b\_\_s and took big st\_\_s in the snow.
- d. Cl\_\_ly, thieves have s\_\_\_ied the big footprints because they are staying away.

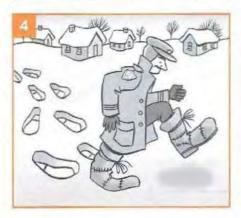
# 5. Listen to the story of track 4

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.













# 6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

### 7. Answer the questions

#### About the story...

- a. What is Sokolov responsible for?
- b. Why is his job dangerous?
- c. How did he make his job easier?
- d. Do you think Sokolov enjoys his job? Why or why not?

#### About you...

- e. Is there crime in your neighborhood? What kind?
- f. How can you stop thieves from getting into your home?
- g. What or who do you take care of?
- h. Do you have a good idea for making your life easier? What is it?

# 8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

be responsible for	something or someone	Sokolov is responsible for the houses.
		I am responsible for my dog.
		My father is responsible for me.
	doing something	I am responsible for doing my homework.
		My sister is responsible for cooking dinner
		We are responsible for washing the car.

a.	At school, I am responsible for	

- b. At home, I am responsible \_\_\_\_\_
- c. My teacher \_\_\_\_\_ responsible \_\_\_\_\_

# 9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

#### THINGS ON YOUR FEET



- a. At home I usually wear \_\_\_\_\_\_ on my feet.
- b. In the summer, I often wear \_\_\_\_\_
- c. In the winter, I sometimes wear \_\_\_\_\_

# 10. Take a dictation track 5

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

# 11. Complete the story

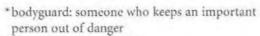
Use the words from the box to complete the story.

guard is responsible for extremely scares clearly idea

# A QUEEN'S BODYGUARD

KOREA Some people think that women cannot do dangerous jobs. But don't say that to Sun-hee Han. She is a bodyguard\* for the Queen\*\* of Jordan and (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ keeping the queen out of danger. Han was a soldier in Korea before she went to Jordan. She is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ good at tae kwon do and karate. Now she is learning English and all about Islamic culture\*\*\*, too.

When she was a child, Han saw a soldier and thought he looked wonderful. That gave her an (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_. She wanted to be a soldier, too. Now she loves her work as the queen's (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The job can be dangerous, and sometimes it (5) \_\_\_\_\_ her, but she is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ happy. "Even after I'm married, I want to do this job," she says.



<sup>\*\*</sup> queen: the wife of a king

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> culture: the ideas and way of life of a group of people





# Talk about the stories

Which job would you like to do—Sergey Sokolov's job or Sun-hee Han's job? Why?