

Smart Guard



1. Read the story

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

VLADIMIR, RUSSIA ¹Sergey 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. ²His job can be dangerous because there are **plenty of** thieves in the **neighborhood** who have broken into* these homes.

³Sokolov 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. ⁴Sokolov 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 *n*

take care of *v*

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.



3. Check your comprehension

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

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| a. Sokolov watches a group of <u>4</u> | 1. an idea. |
| b. His job can be ____ | 2. great big boots. |
| c. One day he had ____ | 3. the large footprints. |
| d. He made ____ | 4. summer homes. |
| e. The criminals studied ____ | 5. almost fifty percent. |
| f. Crime is down by ____ | 6. dangerous. |

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- When the o_____s are away, Sokolov takes _____ of their summer homes.
- The neigh_____ has ple_____ of thieves.
- Sokolov wanted to sc_____ the criminals, so he made large b_____s and took big st_____s in the snow.
- Cl_____ly, thieves have s_____ied the big footprints because they are staying away.

5. Listen to the story 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...

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

About you...

- Is there crime in your neighborhood? What kind?
- How can you stop thieves from getting into your home?
- What or who do you take care of?
- 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		
be responsible for	something or someone	Sokolov is responsible for the houses. <i>I am responsible for my dog.</i> <i>My father is responsible for me.</i> <i>I am responsible for doing my homework.</i> <i>My sister is responsible for cooking dinner.</i> <i>We are responsible for washing the car.</i>
	doing something	

- At school, I am responsible for _____.
- At home, I am responsible _____.
- 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



boots



sneakers



high heels



sandals



slippers



socks

- At home I usually wear _____ on my feet.
- In the summer, I often wear _____.
- 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.

- *bodyguard: someone who keeps an important person out of danger
** queen: the wife of a king
*** 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?