

Summary Template

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Reading Buddies is a reading program that partners dogs and struggling readers. The dogs are trained to listen to people read, and they are ideal reading companions. The program helps readers improve their confidence. As a result, kids are able to practice and become better readers.

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- boy reading to dog
- 5 yr old border collie - trained to listen to people read
- Reading program
- help kids improve reading skills (+ attitude)
- struggling readers lack confidence
- Dogs are ideal reading companions
- Reading is like any other skill - more you practice

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- ① Dogs make an ideal reading partner for struggling readers.
 - ② A reading program partners dogs and struggling readers.
 - ③ Struggling readers improve skill and confidence when reading to trained dogs.

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- This reading program helps readers improve their confidence.
- The dogs are trained to listen to people read.
- The dogs make ideal reading companions
- Kids are able to practice and become better readers.
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