An Unusual Dog

1) Read the text quickly. What kind of text is it? Tick the right answer.

You can put more than one tick.

a) ☐ an article about a stuffed dog

b) ☐ a science project

c) ☐ an article about the protection of dogs

d) ☐ an article about a toydog

2) Your dad wants to know what this magazine article is about. Read the text carefully and mediate¹ briefly for your dad.

¹ Mediation bedeutet, zwischen Sprecher/innen unterschiedlicher Sprachen zu vermitteln und ihnen zu helfen, einander zu verstehen oder sich fremdsprachliche Inhalte anzueignen. Man gibt das Wesentliche kurz und einfach wieder.
3) Underline and then write out the verbs with all pronouns. Determine the tenses of the verbs.

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4) Imagine you’re the dog Sam. Explain your story: Use these verbs (found in n°3) and rewrite the sentences about yourself.

*I'm not an ordinary stuffed dog. I was enlisted as....*
5) Read the text again, circle and fill in the 5 prepositions and time words:

a) It was last seen flying across Lancashire.

b) He was enlisted ................. an astronaut.

c) He was launched attached ....................... a helium balloon.

d) He was sent ....................... a mission.

e) But ....................... his mission, Sam was nowhere to be found.

f) Sam rose at a rate of 20 feet ....................... the balloon popped.

6) Use these prepositions and time words to tell a short story about yourself.
7) Choose 3 adjectives from the text and describe an animal you like.

   adjectives:

8) Look at the text: write the right feelings in English in the small crossword.

   a) knuddelig

   b) ängstlich (hier als Adverb zu finden)
9) **What do you think about the mission of the stuffed dog, Sam?**
Write six long and interesting sentences. You can use: *I love, I really like, I’m (not) a big fan of, I’m (not) very keen on, I don’t like, I hate, I think, in my opinion, because, and, but, awesome, funny, boring, terrible, interesting, cool,…*
Solutions

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Right: a, b, d

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Individual answers

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have you seen                  present perfect
it was last seen flying       simple past
reads a missing dog poster    present simple
people … are anxiously awaiting present progressive
Sam is not an ordinary       simple present
he was enlisted               simple past
launched attached to a helium balloon simple past
he was the first …           simple past
Sam was nowhere to be found   simple past
the children are obviously upset simple present
my two daughters want him to be found present
said Emma Lotty Connolley    simple past
whose daughters attend        simple present
Connolley started             simple past
the group had been joined     past perfect
the hashtag #findsam went wild simple past
Sam rose …                   simple past
… and reached                simple past
the balloon popped            simple past
Sam has not been seen         present perfect
his equipment was recovered   simple past
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   c) cuddly

   d) anxious

9) What do you think about the mission of the stuffed dog, Sam?

   Individual answers

10) Look here to know more about Sam:

    Internet search