### **Grade 4**

# **Information Writing**

### **English Bulldogs**

The writer hooked readers with some surprising facts. The writer lets the reader know some of the things the piece will teach.

#### Introduction

Imagine an animal who is brave enough to fight a bull but who is very, very gentle. It's covered in wrinkles but cute as can be. This animal isn't from a made-up story. That's the English Bulldog! The English Bulldog is a great pet. It needs special care, and it has an interesting history. In this book, you will learn more about the English Bulldog.

## **Appearance**

The English Bulldog is a wide, short dog. It has small legs and almost no neck. It comes in several different coat colors, like red, solid white, and light brown or tan. Some of them have spots. English Bulldogs have a black nose and dark eyes. It has small ears. In addition, it has a huge jaw that is shaped like a square. The **muzzle** is the mouth and nose of a dog. The English Bulldog's muzzle is wide and has many wrinkles. Most bulldogs weigh about 50 pounds.



English Bulldogs are very small when they are puppies.

The writer made deliberate word choices, such as including expert vocabulary.

The writer included

a variety of facts,

information comes

sources—the writer's

own experience and observations, as well

as published texts.

details, quotes,

and ideas. This

from different

## **Exercise and Health**

According to the website <u>bulldoginfor.com</u>, the site says, "The English Bulldog needs to be walked regularly to fulfill their canine instinct to migrate." **Canine** means dog. English Bulldogs need exercise. In addition, English Bulldogs have fur that is short and shiny and is called their **coat**. It doesn't shed too much. It needs to be brushed about once every day in order to keep its coat looking good. Also, it is important to clean its face and especially its wrinkles with a cloth. In my opinion, it isn't too hard to take care of the English Bulldog.

## Top Tips for Choosing Bulldog Food

- whole grains and vegetables
- 2. no chemicals **or** artificial colors
- 3. eat real meat and not fake meat

#### Diet

My book, <u>Bulldog Life</u>, says that you should feed your bulldog around the same time every day so that it knows when to eat. If they eat too much they can become **obese**, which means very fat. In addition, most people say to feed them natural food without yucky chemicals. Read the box on the side to find out more about good dog foods.

There are words to show sequence (before) and how parts connect (for example, in addition).

## Having a Bulldog as a Pet

English Bulldogs make great pets and are very good around families. They can become like part of the family. For example, in my book there was a story about a brave Bulldog who saved his family by barking when a fire started in the kitchen. The dog

The information is grouped into sections and paragraphs. Headings tell what each section is about.

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smelled the smoke before anyone else and ran upstairs to warn the mom. She got the kids out just in time.

There are a few different kinds of Bulldogs, like the American Bulldog, English Bulldog, and French Bulldog. If you like dogs and you are thinking about getting one, I recommend the English Bulldog.

## **Bulldogs vs. German Shepherds**

The writer made choices about organization, using a compare/contrast structure and including text boxes, illustrations/captions, a glossary, and a source list.

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	Bulldogs	German Shepherds
Personality	• Loyal, relaxed, not aggressive	Can be aggressive but very smart
Exercise	Ok with just a few short walks	Needs to run all the time
• Size	Up to 55 pounds	Up to 88 pounds
Cleaning	<ul><li>Not much shedding</li><li>Doesn't get too smelly</li></ul>	<ul><li>Sheds all the time</li><li>Gets smelly</li></ul>

### **History of English Bulldogs**

English Bulldogs have an interesting history. They got their name because they had to fight bulls! Some of them were hurt or even killed! But now there are laws to protect animals like the Bulldog. In my opinion, that is a very good thing.

#### Conclusion

English Bulldogs are amazing animals for many reasons. One reason is that with good care they can live a long time. In order to help your bulldog to live longer, make sure they get proper nutrition and rest. In addition, Bulldogs make great pets. To explain, they are wonderful with babies and they like to travel in cars. They don't bark a lot and are fun to be around. Everyone should consider getting an English Bulldog. If you want to know more information, you can go to bulldoginfor.com.

The writer took on a teaching tone by using the phrase *to explain*.

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Muzzle—the mouth and nose area of a dog's face

Canine—having to do with dogs

Coat-a dog's fur

Obese-extremely overweight

Aggressive—mean or starting fights

**Sources** 

**Glossary** 

Bulldoginfor.com

Bulldog Life by James Thomas

The ending leaves readers with a final insight and suggests readers take action.

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