***Black Dan***

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**语篇研读：**

该故事选自《典范英语9》，故事情节简洁，人物关系简单，描写生动传神，语句短而精炼，作者借助多种修辞手法和准确的动词，使故事中的恐怖气氛直抵人心。该故事适合基础较好的高二学生和基础一般的高三学生精读使用。

【What】Black Dan the Seventh（布莱克·丹七号，下称小丹）是一只灵缇赛犬，因为无法赢得比赛而被主人抛弃。小男孩Stevie跟随父母来森林居住，央求父母收留了小丹。晚上Stevie发现森林里诡异的气氛，窗户外火红的眼睛、凄厉的吼声以及小丹异样的反应，都让Stevie毛骨悚然。终于有一晚，小丹挣扎着跑出家门冲进森林。Stevie为了寻找小丹也跟了出去，被六只幽灵狗围住，这时候小丹无比勇敢地保护了主人，赶走了幽灵狗。第二天，森林又恢复了往日的平静。

【Why】通过小男孩与小丹的相处经历，作者呼吁人类爱惜动物，鼓励孩子们用积极的心态勇敢地战胜恐惧。

【How】故事以时间顺序为明线展开：收留小丹——小丹出走——寻找小丹——小丹救主——恢复平静，其中隐含着疑惑——恐惧——释然这一情感线索。作者通过人物的所见、所闻、所想，运用比喻、拟人、拟声等修辞手法渲染了极度恐惧的气氛，并通过角色对比刻画出主人公天真、善良、勇敢的人物形象。

**读前预习：**

1. Try to answer the following questions after reading through the story.

**Chapter 1 Black Dan the Seventh**

①Why does the author mention “Black Dan trembled” in this part?

②What kind of person do you think Stevie is? How do you know?

**Chapter 2 Fiery eyes**

①How did Stevie feel?

②What did Stevie hear and see?

③What did Dan react when hearing the howling?

**Chapter 3 That dog should be dead**

①What did Stevie know about Black Dans?

②What did Stevie say to Black Dan? Why did he say such words?

**Chapter 4 The howling**

①What was the howling like?

②What did Black Dan do when hearing the howling?

**Chapter 5 Surrounded**

①Why did Stevie go out to look for Black Dan?

②What did he hear in the pitch black?

③What did Stevie do when surrounded?

**Chapter 6 The old mine**

①Why did Stevie get into the old mine? Was it a safe place?

②How did Black Dan save Stevie?

③What kind of dog do you think Black Dan was?

④What happened to the ghost dogs at last?

**Chapter 7 In the forest**

①Did parents know what happened?

②Why do you think Black Dan headed toward the forest?

③What was the forest like?

2. Write down the expressions you like according to the requirement.

①How to create a frightening atmosphere?

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| **Sight** |  |
| **Hearing** |  |
| **Feeling** |  |
| **Surroundings** |  |

**②**What did Stevie and Black Dan do when feeling sacred?