



Step 3 Each student will then make corrections to the printed passage. Next, students, using a computer word processing program, will key in the passage, showing the corrections they have made.

Step 4 Each student will, according to the instructor's directions, either print the corrected passage or save the corrected document in a computer file.

### **Assessment/Evidence**

Students will compare their written passage to the correct version of the passage.

### **Adaptations for Beginning Students**

Beginning students may use a shorter version of the passage or may expect a higher number of errors. Such students may also be given extended time.

### **Adaptations for Advanced Students**

Advanced students will be expected to have few or no errors and may be given a challenging time limit for completing the assignment.

### **Teacher Reflection/Lesson Evaluation**

Students should easily perceive the importance of polished writing for creating clearer communication in a professional document.

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## *A Dog's Life*

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