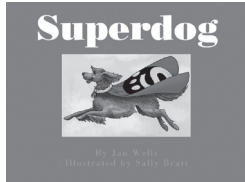


# SUPERDOG

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 Set 1 – 30 words

## Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Discuss familiar cartoon characters that have superpowers. What special things do the characters' superpowers enable them to do? The children may respond that they are strong, can fly, can transform themselves, and so on. Record the children's responses on chart paper.



## Read-Aloud Connection

*The Night I Followed the Dog* by Nina Laden. Chronicle Books, 1994.

- When a boy follows his dog at night, he discovers that his pet has a secret life that he never suspected. Rebus words add interest to this book.

Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children's attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.

## Discussion – Book Talk

What reading strategy did you use when you came to a difficult word?

What are Superdog's special powers? Compare them with the ones listed on the chart.

How did Superdog help the woman in the story? How did the woman feel after she was rescued? Where do you think Superdog lives? Do you think Superdog is real or imaginary? Is this story fact or fiction?

## Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- draw a picture of Superdog and write a sentence using the sentence starter "Superdog is \_\_\_\_\_".
- make simple Popsicle-stick puppets of Superdog and the woman, then reread the story while acting it out with the puppets.
- write a new adventure for Superdog and combine these into a class book titled *Further Adventures of Superdog*.
- create a poster about safety at the beach.
- find words in the story to describe Superdog and list them on the reproducible master.

## Learning About Language - Focused Teaching

High Frequency Words	Here, is, at	Practice writing these words on an erasable board
Letters and Letter Clusters	S — Superdog s — swimming	Write the letter s in the air with a finger while saying the sound.
Rhymes and Word Families	fast, last at, cat, fat, sat, mat, hat	Use movable letters to put together and pull apart the words with the same rimes (e.g., at, cat, etc.).
Compound Words	Superdog asleep	Find the word "dog" in Superdog.

# Reproducible Master - Superdog

Find words from the story to describe Superdog.

Can you think of some other words to describe her?

