

I Want to be a Police Officer

I decided I wanted to be a police officer the day two officers 13
 came to our school. They brought a police dog that is a member 26
 of their team. They told us all about their jobs and how the police 40
 dog works with them. They said the police spend more time 51
 helping people than anything else. They go wherever there is a 62
 problem and they try to help. 68

The police dog is an important part of the team. A trained 80
 dog can find a missing person after smelling their clothes. He 91
 can help find people who are lost in the woods and he can lead 105
 them out. The officer said that police dogs work hard but they 117
 like to play when they can. 123

We were allowed to play with the police dog when he was at 136
 our school. We played hide the ball. We tried to find the best 149
 place in the playground to hide the ball. The police dog tried to 162
 find the ball using only his nose. He gave us a big wag of his tail 178
 when he found it. 182

When a police dog is working, he is very serious and doesn't 194
 play around. He listens carefully to the commands he is given 205
 and he starts work right away. He doesn't care about playing 216
 because he knows he has a job to do. I want to be a police officer 232
 when I grow up so I can help people, too. Maybe I'll be able to 247
 work with a police dog someday. 253

Level	T1	T2	T3	
Low risk	44+	68+	90+	
Some risk	26-43	52-67	70-89	
At risk	0-25	0-51	0-69	