

Read the passage “Buddy: America’s First Seeing Eye Dog” and then answer Numbers 1 through 5.

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- 1 Morris Frank’s life changed one November day in 1927. That day, his father read him a news story about a woman who trained dogs for a special job. Frank was not too young to read for himself. He was almost 20 years old. But he was blind. The news story was important to him because the woman trained the dogs to guide the blind. Her name was Dorothy Eustis.
- 2 Frank had lost his sight at the age of 16, and being blind was still hard for him. He wanted the freedom he used to have. He wanted to learn more about Eustis’s dogs! Eustis lived in Switzerland, a country in Europe. Frank lived in Tennessee. Still, that did not stop him. With some help, he sent Eustis a letter. Eustis asked him to come to Switzerland to get a guide dog of his own, and he agreed.
- 3 Eustis gave Frank a German shepherd he called Buddy. Buddy had been trained to guide blind people, so she knew what Frank needed. When Buddy walked, Frank walked. When Buddy stopped, Frank stopped. Frank worked with Buddy in Switzerland and learned to trust her. She made sure that Frank did not get hurt. As a result, Frank had more freedom. He could walk through the town with Buddy and not fall down. Because of her help, he could go where he wanted.

- 4 People in America did not yet know what a guide dog could do. They had never seen a dog guide a person. Frank wanted to show them that trained dogs could help blind people. He returned to America with Buddy. Together, they came to New York City on June 10, 1928. This was a big day for Frank, but it was an even bigger day for Buddy. Buddy had to pass an important test!
- 5 Frank and Buddy stood on the side of a busy street. Trucks and cabs and cars zoomed all around them. Could they cross the street? News reporters had come to see them do it. They saw Frank take hold of Buddy's harness and begin to walk. First, Buddy stepped forward into the street. Then she stopped. Then she stepped back! Uh-oh! Frank got confused. He didn't know where he was. But then Buddy started again. Frank trusted his dog. He stepped forward and followed her.
- 6 *Zoom!* Busy trucks and cabs rushed by. *Honk!* Drivers pounded their horns. For the next three minutes, Frank let Buddy guide him. Everyone watched and held their breath. It was a long three minutes!
- 7 At last, Frank and Buddy arrived safely on the other side. They had done it! Frank hugged his dog and said, "Good girl!" Buddy had proved that guide dogs could help blind people. She was the first seeing eye dog in America. Things would never be the same again.