Trend Task: Pet Line

Approach: One to one Focus: Describing an object and preparing an advertisement Picture of dog

Questions / instructions:

Show student the picture.

Imagine that this is your dog. Also imagine that it's lost and you want to get it back. You can advertise your lost dog on the radio. When you ring up the radio station they have an answerphone. They ask you to leave a message to say what you want to go on the radio. Think carefully about what you would say, so that people listening to the radio would have enough information. I'll let you think about it for a minute, then you can tell me the message you would give to the radio station.

Allow thinking time before the student tells their message.

Now tell me what you would say in your message for the radio.

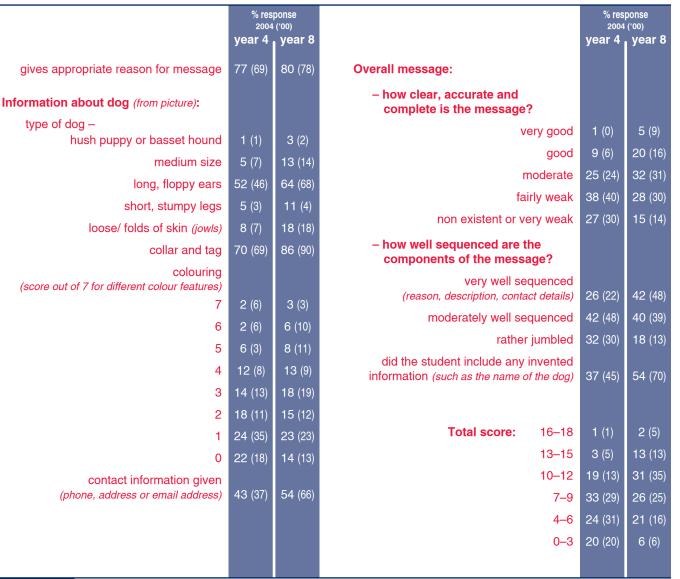
Remember, you need to give very clear information.

Wait for the student response.

Is there any other information you would want to give in your message for the radio?



Year: 4 & 8



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Commentary:

About 15 percent more year 4 than year 8 students had very little success with this task. There was no meaningful change in performance between 2000 and 2004 for either year level.