



Writing about a Top Dog

The Daily News has an article about “Top Dogs” in the same space each week. Last week’s article is at the right.

Jenny wanted to write an article about her “Top Dog” Magic. Jenny needed to know how many words she should write.

She did not want to count all of the words. She used the *mean* number of words from the first 3 lines of the article to make her estimate.

Use Jenny’s strategy to make an estimate for the total number of words in all 15 lines.

Show all of your work.
Describe each step.

This Week’s Top Dog—Leif the Lab

Jim was hurt badly when his car crashed 4 years ago. He could not walk and he lost his ability to remember many things. He would not talk to anyone, even family and friends. He became sad and felt like he had no future. Soon, his wife and two children were angry with him. Then one day, he met Leif, a golden Labrador, who changed his life. Leif became a constant companion. He is able to help Jim with over one hundred tasks that Jim finds difficult. Leif can get laundry out of the washing machine, call the elevator, pick up items in the supermarket, and even hand over the payment at the supermarket checkout. Leif has saved Jim’s life many times, because he always reminds Jim to look before crossing the street. Since Leif came along, Jim is a new man!

Do you think that Jenny’s strategy is a good one? Explain.