Act Safely Around Dogs

There are safety rules every child should know. Some explain how to be safe around dogs. Following those rules can protect you from dog bites.

Sometimes you want to reach out and be friendly to a dog. But dogs do not always know that. They may worry that you will hurt them. They may think you want to take something from them. That is why you should not pet a dog who is sleeping. Never pet a dog who is protecting a house, or her cubs.

Is it OK to pet a dog who is with his owner? First, ask the owner. Next, close your hand. Let the dog sniff the back of your hand. (That’s how dogs get to know you.) Then gently pet the dog.

What do you do if a strange dog comes near you? What if the owner is not there? Stand still, like a statue. Don’t run or cry. If a dog knocks you down, curl up like a 

Write three rules you learned from this worksheet. You can write the rules as sentences. Or you can draw them as pictures.