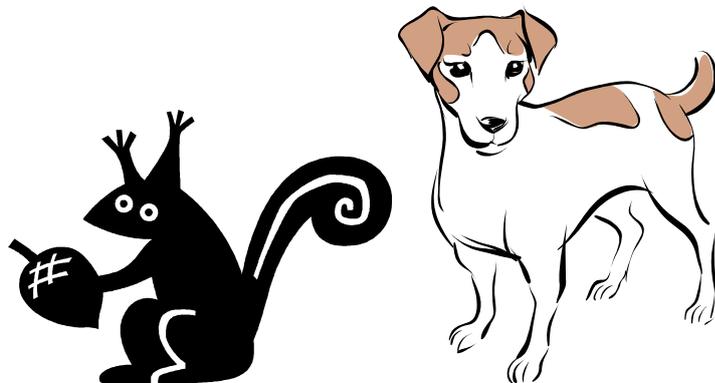




<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/dog-turns-into-expert-climber/6156.html>

**What are these animals, and what's the connection between them?**



**Watch the news report: What's the story about?**

**Watch again, and listen for the missing words**

There's nothing wrong with her \_\_\_\_\_ or her bite.  
She's having an \_\_\_\_\_ crisis  
But her actions do \_\_\_\_\_ something of a stir  
People stop and they just can't believe their \_\_\_\_\_.  
Is Penny a squirrel in \_\_\_\_\_'s clothing?  
Why \_\_\_\_\_ up the wrong tree when you can climb it?

**What do the following idioms mean?**

"Your bark is worse than your bite"

"A wolf in sheep's clothing"

"You're barking up the wrong tree"

**Next**

prepare to tell the animal anecdote to a friend or study partner.



### Check your answers

- It's a story about a tree-climbing dog, with film of the dog climbing trees and an interview with his owner

### Watch again, and listen for the missing words:

There's nothing wrong with her bark or her bite.  
She's having an identity crisis  
But her actions do cause something of a stir  
People stop and they just can't believe their eyes.  
Is Penny a squirrel in dog's clothing?  
Why bark up the wrong tree when you can climb it?

### What do the following idioms mean?

"Your bark is worse than your bite"

**if someone's bark is worse than their bite, they are not as unpleasant as they seem, and their actions are not as bad as their threats**

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"A wolf in sheep's clothing"

**a person who hides the fact that they are evil, with a pleasant and friendly appearance**

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"You're barking up the wrong tree"

**To do, believe, or pursue something wrong or inappropriate; to take the wrong approach; to follow a false lead; to blame or rebuke the wrong person.**

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