Dog agility is a sport where you direct your dog through an obstacle course within a certain time limit.

Courses usually have between 14-20 obstacles, which can include tunnels, weave poles, tire jumps, seesaws, and pause tables where the dog must stop for a set amount of time.

At each trial you and your dog will race around the courses designed for that day. All of this is done with your dog relying only on the cues and body language you use to direct them on course.
Maria Griffin, 17, persisted with her parents in getting them to let her have a dog. Her persistence paid off, and her All-American Dog Bisquik, placed fourth in the 16-inch class at the Junior Agility Competition in Orlando in December. She hopes for a career in dog training and has big plans for competing in the future.

"Dog training has meant a lot to me. It has given me something positive and fun to do with my time, and it has encouraged me to be patient. It has also taught me to be a problem solver."

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AGILITY OBSTACLE COURSE
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Listed below are 5 pieces of equipment used on an agility course. Use the letters in the box to fill in the blanks of the agility equipment. Cross out the letters as you use them. You will use all the letters to complete the 5 words and can only use a letter once.

1. _-F-_A_E
2. S_E_A_
3. _O__AL_
4. _E_ _E_O_ES
5. _U_NE_
Inside the Fortune Teller, write different Agility obstacles you or your dog could complete. Examples include: jump over a bar, climb through a tunnel, do a broad jump, walk across a balance beam (or dog walk, if you're a dog), walk across a seesaw, weave across the playground or through some trees (or weave poles for the dogs) Play with a friend. Pick a color, then pick a number and either you or your dog completes the obstacle.
AKC Math Lessons:

Grades 1-2 Math Lesson Plan: Lesson on bar graphs.

Grades 3-5 Lesson Plan: STEM lesson on creating an agility course with recycled materials.

Grade 5 Science Lesson Plan: Check out the Force and Motion lesson using Agility see-saws.

All teacher resources are free and printable.

Character Connection: Show students the video of Jada or read about Allison and create a bubble map about the character traits in the stories. Sample bubble map below.

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