Examples of Double-Entry Journals

*Here are some examples of double-entry journal entries from various for an article from Reader's Digest.  Notice how even when the students chose the same sentences, their comments were quite different.*

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| **Sentences from Article** | **Student's thoughts.** |
| Some will ask the animal's advice, then pause to let the dog respond. | That's very interesting.  I often ask my dog for advice, too.  Sometimes, if I have something hard to say to my parents, I often say things to my dog, and ask my dog for help.  My dog is very clever.  He might know when I am happy and when I was upset.  I could get some comfort from my dog.  If he knows I was upset, he sways his tail and his movements are very funny. |
| Some will ask the animal's advice, then pause to let the dog respond. | You have a chance to talk and talk, and you don't need to listen to your dog.  You can throw out something in your mind. You don't need to care about how your dog is feeling.  You can say good or bad things to him or her. |
| Sandi instinctively felt that the challenge of helping the animal would give her son something other than his own pain to focus on. | Though there were no new words in this sentence, it took me a long time to understand.  Sandi wanted the animal to help her son forget the pain from the accident.  This sentence is a objective clause.  "that . . . focus on" is the object of the whole sentence. |
| Pets do marvelous things. | That's the thesis.  The writer uses an example to show people the strange and mysterious power of the pets.  It's very important and very clever for start the article. |
| Jason Burns was just 3 1/2 when his parents divorced and his father left.  Ever since, . . . handling responsibility well. | How sad Jason is.  Some sorrowful things happened in his family when he was just a little child.  And then, he still lived very happy.  No more sad around him.  If this was for me, I guess I would have to look at this situation.  I have an example here about my cousin.  When he was 8 years old, his parents divorced and he lived with his mother.  Then, he couldn't restore it, and in the end, he became a very weak person.  Until now, he was still very shy and stayed at home all the time. |
| Pets make good therapists because they play the same role human therapists do. | I have never found that pets make good therapists.  I fed cats, rabbits, many kinds of pets, and I fed a nice dog after I came from Canada, but why didn't I  find pets play the same role human therapists do?  I think maybe I don't have psychology health problem at all.  I'm confident, brave and believable.  Ha Ha |
| The two of them blossomed. | I have looked up the word, blossom, in the dictionary.  It means flower  or flourished.  I guess the reason why the author wants to use this word here maybe he want to say what good friends Jason and Misty are. |