Part 1. Are you a cat person, a dog person, both or neither? Say which, and give two reasons.

Useful phrases

I'm definitely a cat person because… · I prefer dogs because… · I like both, but… · I'm not really an animal person.

Part 2. Discuss the questions.

- Do you have a pet now? Describe it: its name, age and personality.
- Did you have a pet when you were a child? What was it like?
- Who looks after the pets in your family?
- Are pets popular in your country? Which animals do people usually have?
- What's the funniest pet name you've ever heard?

Part 3. Look at the animals. Choose one you'd love to have as a pet and one you'd never have. Explain why.

A dog	A cat
A rabbit	A hamster
A goldfish	A parrot
A tortoise	A snake
A horse	A chicken
A guinea pig	A lizard

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Part 4. Choose one option in each pair and explain your choice.

A big dog	*or*	a small dog
A cat that sleeps all day	*or*	a dog that wants to play all day
One pet	*or*	lots of pets
A pet that lives inside	*or*	a pet that lives outside
A puppy or kitten	*or*	an older animal from a rescue centre
Walking a dog in the rain	*or*	cleaning a fish tank

Part 5. Think of a pet you know: yours, a friend's or a famous one online. Choose three words to describe its personality and give an example for each.

Need ideas?

friendly · lazy · clever · greedy · shy · naughty · playful · noisy · calm · independent · cuddly · loyal

Part 6. Tick the sentences that are true for you. Then choose two and say more.

- I talk to animals like they're people.
- I've got more photos of a pet on my phone than photos of my friends.
- I always stop to say hello to dogs in the street.
- I'm a bit scared of some animals.
- I've had a pet that I still miss.
- I follow a pet on social media.

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Part 7. What would you do? Choose an option or think of your own idea.

Your friend is going on holiday for two weeks and asks you to look after their dog. You live in a small flat.

1. *Say yes, of course.*
2. *Say yes, but only for one week.*
3. *Say no, and suggest someone else.*
4. *Say no, and suggest a pet hotel.*

Your neighbour's cat keeps coming into your home through the window. It's very friendly.

1. *Give it some food.*
2. *Close the window.*
3. *Tell your neighbour.*
4. *Let it stay. It's nice to have some company.*

A child in your family really wants a pet, but you're not sure it's a good idea.

1. *Say yes to a small pet, like a fish.*
2. *Say yes to a cat or a dog.*
3. *Say "Maybe next year."*
4. *Say no.*

Part 8. Imagine you've got a new dog or cat. Make five house rules for it.

***Think about*:** *the sofa, the bed, the kitchen, food from the table, going outside alone.*

Useful phrases

It can… · It can't… · It's allowed to… · It isn't allowed to… · It must always…

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Part 9. Read the sentences. Do you agree or disagree? Explain why.

- Pets are part of the family.
- Dogs are better than cats.
- Every child should grow up with a pet.
- It's wrong to keep a bird in a cage.
- People spend too much money on their pets.
- Having a pet is good for your health.

Part 10. Tell a story about an animal you remember: a pet, a friend's pet, or an animal you met on holiday.

Think about:

- What animal it was, and where you were
- What happened
- How you felt
- Why you still remember it

Reflection

Complete the sentences in your own words.

1. My perfect pet would be…, because…
2. The best thing about having a pet is…
3. The worst thing about having a pet is…

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