

Scope and Sequence

Unit	Topic	Reading context	Vocabulary	Function
1	Types of Pets	FAQs	aquatic, bird, cat, cold-blooded, dog, fish, mammal, pet, reptile, rodent, warm-blooded	Offering an alternative
2	Basic Actions	Webpage	bathe, bond, brush, change, feed, groom, housebreak, litter box, pet, pet sitting, play, train, walk	Discussing tasks
3	Describing Dogs and Cats	Webpage	breed, canine, coat, feline, fore-, fur, hairless, hind-, kitten, longhair, puppy, shorthair, tail, toy poodle	Making a recommendation
4	Dogs and Cats: General Supplies	Checklist	apparel, bed, carrier, collar, electronic collar, ID tag, indoor cat, litter, pet door, playpen, ramp, scratching post, supplies, toy	Expressing necessity
5	Dogs and Cats: Flea and Tick Products	Brochure	allergic reaction, annoying, available, bites, flea, hair loss, itch, permanent, saliva, spot-on, tick, transmit	Discussing options
6	Dogs and Cats: Feeding	Webpage	automatic, canister, canned food, collapsible, feeder, filter, fountain, kibble, obesity, optimal health, scoop, stand, treat, waterer, well-balanced	Asking for details
7	Dog Supplies	Customer reviews	bark control, crate, diaper, doghouse, gate, harness, indoor kennel, leash, pick-up bag, pooper scooper, rawhide, training pad, ultrasonic	Expressing doubt
8	Cat Supplies	Email	bell, breakaway collar, cat condo, cat tree, hooded, scratcher, self-cleaning, shelter, window perch	Describing past behavior
9	Toys	Catalog	ball, catnip, chew toy, feather, fetch toy, laser pointer, plush, rattle, squeaker, stuffed animal, teaser, treat-dispensing, wand	Asking for a suggestion
10	Rodent Supplies	Checklist	bedding, cage, chew-proof, expansion kit, gravity bin, hammock, hutch, small animal ball, tunnel, water bottle, wheel, wood shavings	Expressing necessity
11	Types of Fish and Reptiles	Magazine article	amphibious, betta, freshwater, frog, gecko, goldfish, insect, lizard, low-maintenance, saltwater, snake, turtle, vegetarian	Discussing pros and cons
12	Aquariums and Terrariums	Inspection report	aquarium, bark, fluorescent lamp, gravel, heater, hood, LED, ornament, substrate, tank, terrarium, thermometer	Stressing a point
13	Fish Supplies	Advice column	acidity, eliminate, exact, filter, fish feeder, flake, frozen, hydrometer, pellet, sterilizer, test kit, water conditioner	Correcting a misconception
14	Bird Supplies	Advertisement	birdbath, birdfeeder, birdseed, built-in, cage liner, canary, disposable, finch, nest, parrot, perch, wild	Making a prediction
15	Unusual Pets	Letter to the editor	alligator, arthropod, big cat, boa constrictor, captivity, dangerous, deadly, domestic, exotic, fox, marsupial, primate, venomous	Showing agreement

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PET CARE and SHELTER
from Pet Care Specialists

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: My ten-year-old daughter wants a **dog**. But that's a big responsibility. What's the best choice for her first pet?

A: You might consider a less demanding **pet**. A **cat** takes less work, but still needs a lot of attention. Other **warm-blooded mammals**, like **rodents**, require significantly less care and caged animals create less mess around the house.

Non-mammals are also easy to care for. But they offer less interaction. For instance, you generally cannot touch **aquatic** animals like **fish**. However, caring for them still teaches responsibility. But be careful about **cold-blooded** animals, like **reptiles**. Some are more **dangerous** than they look.

Finally, you might consider a **bird**. If you do, make sure it is not aggressive with people.

Get ready!

① Before you read the passage, talk about these questions. 4

- 1 What kinds of animals do people keep as pets in your country?
- 2 Why do people keep pets?

Reading

② Read the FAQs. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 Why is Lisa concerned about getting a dog?
 - A It may be aggressive with people.
 - B It may require too much care.
 - C It may be too expensive.
 - D It may be too messy.
- 2 According to the FAQs, what is NOT true about caged pets?
 - A They require less care than other pets.
 - B Caring for them teaches children responsibility.
 - C They create little mess around the house.
 - D They offer more interaction than other pets.
- 3 According to the columnist, what is true about reptiles?
 - A They could be very difficult to care for.
 - B They could damage the house.
 - C They could be dangerous to people.
 - D They could be expensive to purchase.

Vocabulary

③ Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1 __ mammal | 4 __ fish |
| 2 __ aquatic | 5 __ rodent |
| 3 __ bird | 6 __ pet |

- A a type of animal that lives in the water and is often kept in tanks
- B living in the water
- C a small animal that is sometimes considered a pest but may also be kept as a pet
- D an animal that someone keeps in his or her house for companionship
- E a type of animal that gives birth to live young
- F an animal with wings that can fly

4 Read the sentence pairs. Choose which word best fits each blank.

1 reptiles / cats

A _____ clean their fur with their tongues.

B Lizards and snakes are _____.

2 cold-blooded / warm-blooded

A A dog is an example of a _____ animal.

B _____ creatures, like snakes have naturally low body temperatures.

3 dogs / mammals

A Cats are _____, so they give birth to live young.

B The street sign instructs pet owners to keep their _____ on a leash.

5 Listen and read the FAQs again. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of rodents as pets?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between a pet care specialist and a customer. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

1 ___ The man plans to purchase a cat.

2 ___ According to the woman, a rodent is an inappropriate pet for the man's son.

3 ___ Next, the speakers will look at the reptiles.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Pet Care Specialist: Hello, how may I 1 _____ you?

Customer: Hi, there. I would like to get my son his 2 _____.

Pet Care Specialist: That is great! What kind of a pet are you 3 _____ in?

Customer: Well, I'm thinking about a rodent. But as I already have a cat, I'm concerned that my cat will eat it!

Pet Care Specialist: As long as you keep the rodent 4 _____, it should be fine.

Customer: I see. Do you think that's the best 5 _____ for a twelve-year-old?

Pet Care Specialist: I think it's appropriate. Another option is a reptile. Lots of kids really like reptiles. They're 6 _____ animals.

Customer: That's a thought. Let's take a look at those.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

What kind of ...?

I'm thinking about ...

Another option is ...

Student A: You are a pet care specialist. Talk to Student B about:

- the type of pet that he/she is considering
- the qualities that he/she is looking for in a pet
- your recommendations

Student B: You are a customer. Talk to Student A about the qualities that you are looking for in a pet.

Writing

9 Use the webpage and the conversation from Task 8 to complete the brochure.

What Type of Pet is Best for You?

Dogs: Many people like dogs because

_____ and _____.

On the other hand, _____

Cats: One advantage of cats is that

_____. Nonetheless, _____.

Rodents: Rodents are _____.

_____. However, _____.

4 Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- 1 Instead of adopting a full-grown dog, the family adopted a young dog. _ u _ _ y
- 2 A cat with long fur requires regular grooming. _ o _ _ h _ _ _
- 3 For thousands of years, dogs have been popular pets. _ _ n _ _ _ s
- 4 Most young cats are very playful and have lots of energy. _ _ t _ e _ s
- 5 The animal shelter has many cats with short fur available for adoption. s _ _ _ _ a _ _ s
- 6 Cats clean their own fur with their tongues. c _ _ _

5 Listen and read the webpage again. What are some qualities of the featured cat?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between an animal shelter employee and a prospective adopter. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 _ The man already has one cat at home.
- 2 _ The woman advises against adopting a kitten.
- 3 _ The man spends most of his days at home.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Shelter Employee: How can I 1 _____ you?

Adopter: Well, I'd like to 2 _____ a cat. Can you help me find one that's a good fit?

Shelter Employee: Sure! Have you owned a cat before?

Adopter: No, I haven't.

Shelter Employee: In that case, I recommend getting 3 _____ . They're easier to manage.

Adopter: Really? I 4 _____ I'd get a kitten.

Shelter Employee: Well, kittens require almost 5 _____ supervision. Are you home a lot?

Adopter: No. I'm busy at 6 _____ all day. So you think the cat should be older?

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

How can I help you?

I'd like to ...

In that case, I recommend ...

Student A: You are a shelter employee. Talk to Student B about:

- his/her interest in adopting a pet
- his/her lifestyle
- which pets you recommend

Student B: You are a prospective adopter. Talk to Student A about adopting a pet that fits your lifestyle.

Writing

9 Use the webpage and the conversation from Task 8 to complete the pet adoption agreement.

**Middle Town
Animal Shelter**

Pet Adoption Agreement

Adopted Animal Information:

Dog / Cat: _____

Breed: _____

Age: _____

Color: _____

Name: _____

Animal description: _____

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 Why is it important to treat pets from flea and tick bites?
- 2 What are some products that can be used to treat flea and tick bites?



hair loss



All About Flea & Tick Bites

Flea bites can be much more than an **annoying itch** to dogs and cats. They can cause dermatitis, resulting by an **allergic reaction** to proteins in flea **saliva**. Also, the constant scratching can cause **permanent hair loss** or other skin problems.

Ticks can also be harmful to your pet. They can **transmit** infections such as Lyme disease, exposing you and your family as well.

There are many products **available** to protect your pet from flea and tick **bites**. Some of these products are available only from a veterinarian but most can be purchased from your local pet shop.

Flea and tick products range from pills to collars, sprays, dips, shampoos, powders, and '**spot-ons**', which are liquid products squeezed onto the pet's skin down their back.

Pet owners must read the labels carefully and follow the instructions to apply the product correctly. If in doubt, contact your vet to give you a full explanation and directions to use the product safely.



itch



spot-on

Reading

2 Read the brochure. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ Tick bites can cause allergic reactions.
- 2 ___ The majority of the flea and tick products can be found in pet shops.
- 3 ___ A veterinarian can give the correct instructions for use of a specific product.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words or phrases (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 ___ hair loss | 4 ___ itch |
| 2 ___ tick | 5 ___ permanent |
| 3 ___ flea | |

- A lasting for an indefinite time
- B a condition whereby someone's hair falls out
- C a sensation that causes the desire to scratch
- D a small, wingless, parasitic insect that has the ability to leap
- E a parasitic, bloodsucking arachnid

9 Toys

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some popular toys for dogs?
- 2 What are some popular toys for cats?



Catnip



laser pointer



fetch toy



teaser



ball with a rattle



chew toy



catnip

Reading

2 Read the pet shop catalog. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The rattle toy includes catnip.
- 2 ___ The stuffed animals dispense treats.
- 3 ___ The catalog recommends stuffed animals as fetch toys.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words or phrases (1-7) with the definitions (A-G).

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 ___ catnip | 5 ___ plush |
| 2 ___ chew toy | 6 ___ rattle |
| 3 ___ teaser | 7 ___ squeaker |
| 4 ___ laser pointer | |

- A a plant with a smell that attracts and excites cats
- B made of soft, thick material
- C a noisemaker that is inside many dog toys
- D a kind of durable toy that pets bite repeatedly
- E a toy that produces noise when someone shakes it
- F a cat toy with an object at the end of a string or stick
- G a device that produces a narrow, powerful beam of light

CAT toys

Wands - Grab your cat's attention with a **teaser**. The ones with **feathers** make cats feel like they're chasing birds. Others feature a noisemaking **ball with a rattle**. Be ready for some wild play—these toys contain **catnip**!

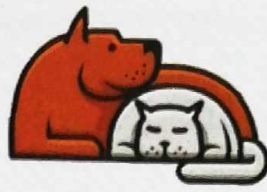
Lasers - Does your cat need exercise? He'll chase and chase a **laser pointer**. But he'll never catch it!

DOG toys

Chew Toys - Reward your pet for chewing on toys instead of household items! Your dog will love a **treat-dispensing chew toy**.

Stuffed Animals - Let's face it: most dogs think they're hunters. But fortunately, most don't need to hunt real animals. Let your dog 'kill' a **stuffed animal** instead! Stuffed animals make great **fetch toys**. Or maybe your dog just likes to carry them around. Either way, most **plush** toys contain **squeakers** for extra stimulation.

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