

Pets- an ESL lesson

Overview	An lesson for young ESL (English as a Second Language) learners. Students practice their listening and speaking skills while learning more about pets.
Learning outcomes	Students increase their pet-related vocabulary. Students practice asking and answering questions in the present simple tense. Students have increased awareness of some of the needs of pet animals.
Materials	1 copy of the "Where do I live?" worksheet for each student. Colouring materials for each student. Board
Notes	This lesson can easily be broken down to be used as separate activities.
Procedure	<p>Write the word "pets" on the board. Check students understanding. As a demonstration, ask 2 /3 strong students "Do you have a pet?" Students must reply in full sentences. In pairs students practice asking and answering the question. After a suitable amount of time stop the activity Ask selected students "Does your partner have a pet?" Students must reply in full sentences.</p> <p>Ask the students to name different pet animals. Write the words around the word pets. If necessary, teach new vocabulary. If time, students could draw their suggested animal as well as writing the word.</p> <p>Ask students "What do pets need?" Elicit full sentence answers, including food, water, somewhere to live, care. Write on board.</p> <p>Tell students you are going to talk more about places for pets to live. Give out the worksheet. Students do the matching exercise. Check or pre-teach the vocabulary needed for the listening exercise (see below). Read (leave necessary time after each sentence)-</p> <p>"Colour the fish's tail yellow and the rest of its body orange. The rabbit is grey with pink ears. Colour the plants in the tank green and the water blue. The hutch is brown but with a green door. Colour the blanket red and the basket yellow. The cat is black with a white tail."</p> <p>Students draw or write the other needs of the pets around each animal.</p>

Where do I live?

All pets need places where they will be happy to live. Can you match the animal with its right home?

