

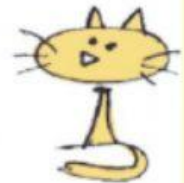
PRACTICE!

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a) Read about cats and dogs. Choose the correct words.



People often argue about whether cats make better pets ¹as/than dogs. While dogs are nowhere ²far/near as independent ³as/than cats, they tend to be a ⁴big/great deal friendlier. Cats can be ⁵more/as destructive than dogs and are ⁶more/much likely to damage the furniture. It's ⁷more/far easier to look after a cat, but dogs are ⁸considerably/almost better at protecting your property. Generally the ⁹small/smaller the dog, ¹⁰the/as easier it is to take care of. In fact, dogs get ¹¹lazy/lazier and ¹²lazy/lazier as they get older and don't need ¹³nearly/almost as much exercise, so an old dog is ¹⁴no/as harder to look after than a cat – and they're both ten times easier to look after ¹⁵as/than children!



b) Which animals do you think make the best pets? Why?

TRANSFORM

6 Rewrite these sentences so that they have the same meaning. Use the words in brackets. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

- 1 Koi live much longer **than** goldfish.
(anywhere near)

Goldfish don't live anywhere near as long as koi.

- 2 Most butterflies don't live quite as long as bees. (nearly as)
3 Snakes are much less dangerous than people think. (not nearly)
4 A spider's silk is five times stronger than steel. (nowhere near)
5 Lions aren't quite as big as tigers. (slightly)
6 Bears live half as long as elephants. (twice)
7 A blue whale's heart is the same size as a small car. (big)

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