

# The Pet shop

Daniel feels lonely. He doesn't have any brothers, sisters or cousins. His friends live far away. He has nobody to play with. Next week will be his birthday. His parents promised to get him a pet so that he would have something to look after.



He goes to the pet shop, looking at what kind of pet he might like. Daniel wanted a snake, but his parents said no because snakes were too dangerous and they had to be fed with mice.

First, he sees puppies and kittens. They are cute and as they are small, one can easily take care of them and play with them. But the vendor at the pet shop says that they will get bigger. Daniel's room is too small for a big pet.

Then Daniel sees rabbits, guinea pigs, and mice. He likes these animals because they are small. He also sees a parrot and a canary.

They all live in a cage. He likes them all, but he doesn't want to clean the cage.

Then Daniel sees the animals in tanks. The tanks full of water have fish and turtles in them. He thinks about a goldfish but decides he likes the turtles more. Daniel likes the turtles best, but they won't fit in the little fishbowls. Turtles need bigger tanks, so they can swim sometimes and hide sometimes.

Daniel decides to get a goldfish. He buys a book on how to take care of it. He is happy.

## Answer the questions

1. Why does Daniel feel lonely?

2. Doesn't he have any friends?

3. Whose idea is it to buy a pet?

4. When will he get a pet?

5. Where does he go to choose an animal?

6. Why can't he have a snake?

7. What do snakes eat?

8. What will happen to the small puppies and kittens?

9. Why doesn't he buy a bird?

10. What animal is his final choice?

11. Do you have a pet? What kind?

12. If you don't have a pet, would you like to have one? Which one?

# Reading Comprehension

## After school

My name's Carlos and I'm from Venezuela. My family and I moved to the United States last year because my dad wanted to give me and my sister a better future.

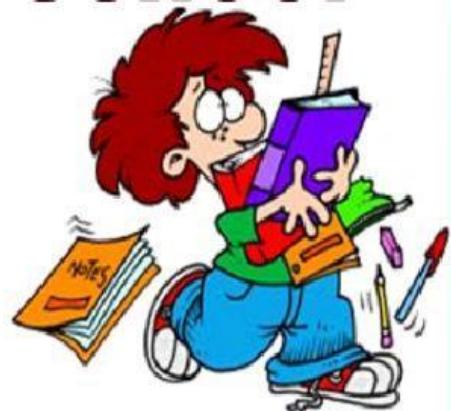
Since then, we're struggling with the English language, and I think we're doing pretty well.

My sister and I study at Washington Elementary School, and we are plenty of homework to do every night before dinner.

I'm not good at math, but always get good grades in history and biology; my sister Anna always gets good grades in math and geography but hates biology.

Every night before our favorite TV soap opera we help each other do our homework, and after dinner we help Mom. I usually do the dishes and Anna cleans the kitchen while Mom irons our uniforms and Dad's shirt and suit.

We plan on returning to Venezuela one day, but for now we're just hoping a sunny day next weekend, so we can go to the beach.



Mark the subjects Carlos and Anna are good at:

History - Carlos ( ) Anna ( )

Geography - Carlos ( ) Anna ( )

Biology - Carlos ( ) Anna ( )

Math - Carlos ( ) Anna ( )

English - Carlos ( ) Anna ( )

Which of them are you good at? And which one is the most difficult?



What other subjects do you study at school?



Which ones are you good at?



Which ones do you need some help in?



What's the most difficult subject for you?



Mark T (true) or F (false). When it's false, explain.

1. Carlos and his family are from the United States [ ]

2. Carlos is an only child. [ ]

3. Carlos and his family speak English. [ ]

4. Carlos and his sister study at the same school. [ ]

5. Carlos watches a soap opera with his sister before doing his homework. [ ]

6. They do their homework after dinner. [ ]

7. Carlos is very good at math but doesn't like biology. [ ]



Answer the questions about the text:



1. Why did Carlos and his family move to the United States?

2. Where are they from?

3. What language are they learning and how are they doing in Carlos's opinion?

4. What school do Carlos and his sister study at?

5. What do they have to do every day before dinner?

6. What do they do after doing their homework?

7. What do Carlos and his sister do after dinner?

8. What does their mom do?

9. What do they plan on doing some day?

10. Where do they want to go on the weekend if the day is sunny?

Complete with the present simple in the negative or affirmative, according to the text:

1. Carlos                    two languages: Spanish and English. [to speak]

2. Carlos                    a brother. [to have]

3. Carlos and his family                    in the United States. [to live]

4. Carlos and his sister                    at the same school. [to study]

5. They                    plenty of homework to do every night. [to have]

6. Anna                    biology but she                    math. [to hate; to like]

7. Carlos                    math. [to like]

8. Carlos's father                    a suit to work. [to wear]

9. Carlos's mother                    their uniforms after dinner. [to iron]

10. Anna and Carlos                    to music before dinner. [to listen]

11. Carlos                    a soap opera with his sister before dinner. [to watch]

12. Carlos                    the dishes to help his mother. [to do]

13. Anna                    the clothes, she                    the kitchen. [to wash; to clean]

14. Carlos and his family                    on returning to Venezuela. [to plan]

15. Carlos and his sister                    to go to the park this weekend, they                    to go to the beach. [to plan; to want]

16. Carlos and his sister                    a sunny day next weekend. [to hope]