

AN ESSAY | Example task

In your English class, you have been talking about pets. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

What are the most important factors someone should consider when choosing a pet?

Notes

- Write about:
- 1 time spent with pet
 - 2 geography and space
 - 3 (your own idea)

Write your essay using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

A new pet can bring much happiness to a home. What is more, having to look after a pet can teach children important lessons about responsibility. However, choosing a pet is not a decision which should be taken lightly. It is vital to choose one that is appropriate for your lifestyle.

One factor is how much time family members spend at home. If everyone is away for many hours, then pets that need lots of human attention may be an unwise choice.

A second factor is the place and its surroundings. If you have a garden, your house may be ideal for a cat. A tiny apartment, however, with no outside space, may not be, as cats like to explore outside. Thirdly, there is the issue of safety. For instance, there are some breeds of animals which you must not leave with young children because they are too dangerous.

To conclude, the best pet for someone depends on their circumstances. In my view, it is essential for them to consider all of the factors carefully before making such an important decision.

Create a formal tone by using formal grammar, vocabulary and punctuation. This is not an article for your friends, it's a piece of academic writing for your teacher.

Give examples, and use appropriate phrases to do so.

Give reasons, express results and draw conclusions as necessary. Use appropriate phrases.

Make sure you include the two ideas you are given, and come up with your own idea.

Use appropriate phrases to express your opinion, or the opinions of others.

Give examples, and use appropriate phrases to do so.

Come to a conclusion and summarise your main point in the final paragraph.

Make contrasts, and use appropriate phrases to do so.