2A2 Mediation – What pet to buy?

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Task. Your Italian friend, Giuliana, texted you this message: "I'd like to buy a pet but I live in an apartment. What pet should I buy?" Send her a message (1'-1'30'') following the tips in this poster:

Best pets for a flat	Before buying
Also important!	

A2 Sample

Hi Giuliana, (***greeting √***)

What's up? So, you tell me you want a pet. Don't worry, I saw a poster and I can help you. (***Introduction: polite formula + problem √***)

To begin with, you shouldn't have a pet if you live in an apartment. **But, if** you really want one, you could buy a small animal. My advice is to buy a cat, a rabbit, a **bird** or a hamster **because** they don't need a lot of space. **(Tip 1)**

In addition, you need to prepare **first**. You should learn about that animal. How? You could read books and magazines or watch videos. **Besides,** you need to buy food and a house for the animal **before** you bring it home. **(Tips 2 and 3)**

Finally, one last tip. Look for a vet clinic in your neighbourhood / area. It's good to know **in case** your pet gets sick. **(Tip 4)** (***Body – 3 paragraphs √***)

Well, that's all for now. Hope it helps. (***final formula √***)

Keep in touch! (***farewell √***)

Green => structure

Brown => discourse markers (introducen los párrafos y organizan el discurso)

Blue => connectors / linkers (conjunciones que nos ayudan a unir ideas: *besides; because; before; if; in case; when; where*)

Purple => pieces of advice or tips (la información – consejos, en este caso – que tenemos que transmitir)

Red => tricky pronunciation for Spanish speakers (bird; should; first; area; touch)

Functional language => formulas for giving advice (here: modal verbs *can, could, should, shouldn't* and *need to*; *My advice is to…* or *It's more practical to…; It's good to know in case…*)

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