



Lesson 49: Cats or Dogs

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

frisky	(ADJ)	playful and full of energy	After he passed the exam he started jumping like a frisky dog.
turn	(V)	to become a particular age	She turned forty, but she looks much younger than she really is.
kitten	(N)	a young cat	There are four little kittens in the basket.
the whole day	(PHRASE)	all day, from morning till evening	We spent the whole day shopping.
in common	(PHRASE)	shared interests, experiences or some other characteristics	Friendship is often based on having something in common.

Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Kate and Matt are talking about pet.



Kate

Matt, do you have any pets?



Matt

Yes. I have a Birman kitten. It's turning two months this Friday.





Kate

Two months? It must be cute.



Matt

Very much so! And she is really frisky. I love playing with her. I can spend the whole day with her.



Kate

Well, I love walking with my dog very much. We both love spending time outside.



Matt

Oh, so you have a dog. Does it know any tricks?



Kate

Of course! It knows how to sit, roll over, play dead, and can catch a Frisbee. I really love dogs because they are faithful and intelligent.



Matt

I see. But honestly, I love cats more than dogs. They are cute and very smart.



Kate

Yeah. I understand. But I love dogs more than cats.



Matt

I see. Anyway, having a pet is such a joy. That's what we have in common. Well, I guess I have to go now. See you around!





Kate

Nice talking with you. Take care.

Check your understanding:

- Why does Matt love cats? And how does he describe his pet?
- Who does Kate love dogs? And what does she like to do with her pet?
- What do Matt and Kate have in common?

Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You want to get a pet.
- Tell your teacher, who will act as your parent, why you want one.

Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of having a pet?
- 2) Have you ever had a pet? If yes, what kind of pet? If not, would you consider having one?
- 3) Do you think having a pet is a big responsibility? Why? Why not?
- 4) Which do you like more, cats or dogs?
- 5) Do you believe that animals have feelings, too?

