

## Pets



### ● Dialogue

A. I'm thinking about getting a pet, but I'm really not sure which animal would be suitable. Could you give me some advice?

B. Certainly. The first thing is to be honest about how time you can devote to your pet. Dogs are very demanding. You need to take them for walks and they love to play. Cats, on the other hand, are more independent.

A. I'm fairly busy, so I really need an animal that I don't need to care for very much. Actually, I'd like a pet that's a little unusual. I don't really want a typical pet, like a cat, dog, or hamster. Do you have any suggestions?

B. Unusual pets are often more expensive to keep. Is that a problem?

A. Not really. By the way, I don't want a pet that could be dangerous, like a tarantula or rattlesnake.

B. We have those, but I only sell them to people I know well, for obvious reasons. How about a lizard? I have some that are very brightly colored, are not aggressive, and are easy to feed and look after.

A. That sounds ideal. Could you show me some?  
B. Sure. Come over here. As you can see. I have a wide selection of species. They can live together, if you want lizards of different kinds. Do you have a favorite color?

A. I like the red ones. What do they eat?  
B. You can feed them on various things. They will eat small pieces of meat, but I'd recommend insects. You can get them from your garden, but remember that lizards eat a lot of insects. I sell them here.

A. Thanks a lot. What I'll do is find out more online and drop by next week.  
B. That's fine. You shouldn't make a hasty decision when choosing a pet.

## ● Useful Expressions

1. Cats are well known for being more independent than dogs.
2. We take him out to the party every morning and evening.
3. I don't think it would be a good idea to care for very much.
4. I'd like a pet that's a little unusual.
5. Dogs love to receive scraps of food from the table.
6. Does your dog sleep outside in a kennel or do you let it sleep indoors?

## ● Vocabularies

**Feed-** Provide as food  
**Example:** "Feed the guests the nuts"

**Devotion-** Feelings of ardent love  
**Example:** "their devotion to each other was beautiful"

**Basket-** The quantity contained in a basket  
**Example:** "there was a basket of ironing to do"

**Attention-** The work of providing treatment for or attending to someone or something  
**Example:** "the old car needs constant attention"

**Kennel-** Put up in a kennel  
**Example:** "kennel a dog"

### ● Phrases

- ◆ Take a dog for a walk
- ◆ Feed a dog scraps
- ◆ Keep a bird in a cage
- ◆ Look after
- ◆ Play with a pet