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Perfect Pets



STORY

Caring for a Pet (Nonfiction)

Reading Level: Grade 2-3

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A Perfect Pet (Fiction)

Reading Level: Grade 2-3

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BEFORE READING

Every child wants a pet. Sometimes owning a pet is not possible because of space, allergies, or other reasons. Before you read the book **discuss the idea of a pet** with your child with questions like, “If you could pick a pet, which animal would you choose? Why?”

After reading the story **discuss some of the pets that were described in the book** and how they are like or are unlike pets your child knows. For example, after reading about snakes, you could ask, “Does your pet need to eat more often or less often than a snake does?” Ask either/or questions about pets, such as “Would you rather have a turtle or a goldfish? Is it easier to take care of a cat or a dog?”

READ

Caring for a Pet and A Perfect Pet

ACTIVITY

I Wanna...

Before having your child complete the activity, ask your child, “What ‘perfect pet’ would you choose? Why?” Explain that your child is going to **write a letter** to persuade a parent to let him or her have a pet. Use the activity sheet below as a guideline.



MORE FUN ACTIVITIES

Crazy Pet Portrait

Discuss what it would be like to have outlandish pets in your home. Then ask, “Imagine that we could have any pet in the world, even a wild animal! What would you choose? What might happen then?”

Now that you have chosen a pet, **create a portrait of it**. Use a blank sheet of paper as the base. Cut or tear scraps of paper into shapes to form the animal. Glue the parts on the blank paper to make a portrait of your animal. Add details like eyes, whiskers, hair, stripes, or anything else using pencils, crayons, or other materials.



MORE GREAT BOOKS TO SHARE

Visit your local public library to find more books about pets.

Buster by Denise Fleming

My Humongous Hamster by Lorna Freytag

I Need a Snake by Lynne Jonell

Can I Keep Him? By Steven Kellogg

I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kaufman Orloff

The Perfect Pet by Margie Palatini

The Stray Dog by Marc Simont

Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience

School by Mark Teague

Crictor by Tomi Ungerer

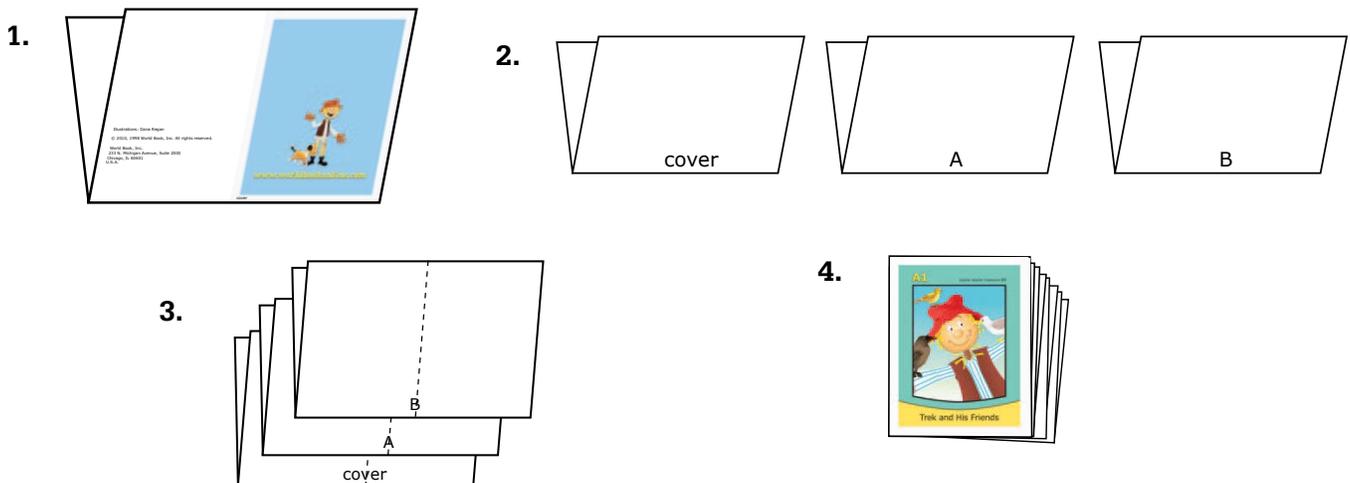
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- A. What animal do you think would make a good pet?** Go to www.infohio.org > PreK-5 > World Book Kids. Search for “Pets” and read about different kinds of pets.
- B. BookFlix is another great resource from INFOhio.** Go to www.infohio.org > PreK-5 > BookFlix. You can read stories, watch videos, and follow along as you listen. Check out the Family and Community link for more books about pets, such as *Pets at the White House* and *Bark George*.
- C. To find more free printable books for your child,** go to www.infohio.org > PreK-5 > Early World of Learning.

How to fold the Little Book

1. Fold the pages in half the short way so that the printing is on the outside.
2. Turn them over so that you can see the small “cover,” “A,” “B,” etc., at the bottom center of the page.
3. Stack the pages with the cover on the bottom, then “A,” then “B,” etc.
4. Fold the stack in half to make the Little Book. The cover should end up on the outside.



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I Wanna..

Directions: Use this guide to help your child explain why he or she wants a pet. Encourage your child to write in complete sentences and to tell you which pet he or she would like and how to take care of the pet.

Dear

I need a pet because

Here is a picture of me with my new pet.